



**Grindleford Primary School**  
**Full Governing Body Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20th May 2020**

**Meeting open 6.45pm**

**Meeting held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Agenda – to discuss the Risk Assessments and viability of school re opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to key worker children, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils.**

**2238 Present**

Leonie Boulton (Head Teacher)  
Helen Illingworth (Parent)  
Helen Fulson (Co opted)  
Carolyn Downes (Co opted)  
Tim Shephard (Co opted)  
Cynthia Nettell (LA)  
Richard Petts (Staff)  
Beccy Ibbotson (Clerk)

**2239 Apologies**

Julia Fidler (Parent) – work commitments  
Peter O’Brien (Co opted) – technical issues

**2240 Risk Assessments and viability of school re opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to key worker children, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils.**

The RAs, numbers and schedules were made available to the governors before the meeting.

The governors agreed that the RA seemed very comprehensive.

The governors challenged that the RA seemed very much like a copy and paste process that was tailored to the school. The HT confirmed that they are set by DCC so are a standard format that needs to be adapted to our setting.

The HT confirmed that the second revision that has just been issued is a lot more detailed and has proved useful. Staff have been encouraged to read the documents whilst making notes on how they can adapt the classrooms and working spaces to compile.



LBo confirmed that we were due to have a staff meeting but due to Mrs Slack testing positive for COVID-19 the school has closed for a deep clean and the meeting has been postponed. All staff have been advised to book a test. Parents of children that have been in school have been advised of the situation and it has been suggested that they get tested.

LBo confirmed that Mrs Slack will self isolate for 7 days and then following guidelines will be able to return to work. She suggested that she should have a test after this period of time to ensure that she tests negative. The governors agreed.

LBo informed that she had notified Public Health England of the situation.

The governors challenge how reliable the test results are. LBo said that testing was done at official testing centres. We have no other option but to trust the results.

A discussion was had that DCC had not set out any timescale guidance and that the Government has set the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> June for the return of reception, year 1 and year 6 children. Children need to be able to be 2m apart. A discussion was held about the viability and difficulties this will be in the setting and with children of a young age and SEN. LBo confirmed that the Unions were resisting this start date.

Governors suggested that when measures had been put in place that the governors have visibility of the school during a virtual tour. LBo agreed this would be a good idea.

Staff test results are due back between 2 and 5 days. After they have been received we will be able to go into school during half term and 'set up'. Cleaning staff are still in school and a deep clean is being completed.

LBo confirmed that the grounds will be used as much as possible (depending on the weather). A discussion was had about the number of children that are requesting a place in the different cohorts. Lunchtimes and break times will be staggered as set out in the documentation.

LBo asked the governors if they felt if there was anything they felt wasn't included.

Governors challenged the decision to reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> June after reviewing the information that has been received from the NGA. LBo confirmed that the decision is at the discretion of the governors and the HT. If the governors felt it would be appropriate, delaying is an option. It should be considered in light of Mrs Slack testing positive.

A discussion was had on the viability of opening to the suggested groups on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Derbyshire has one of the lowest levels of confirmed COVID-19 cases. An option would be



to delay by a week or to take some days as Inset days. LBo and RPe confirmed that we fine to reopen looking at the current guidelines with the numbers that are due to return. The issue will be at the end of June if more groups are expected to return whilst still having to social distance.

It was felt that we had a robust plan in place with large outside areas that can be utilized.

It was confirmed that a rota system is not allowed within the guidelines.

Governors asked why Mrs Slack had a test when she wasn't showing any symptoms. LBo confirmed that it was a random test that she had received through the door and she was very surprised when it came back positive.

A discussion was had regarding PPE. We have PPE in place if it is needed. Staff have been advised that they can where PPE if it makes them feel safer.

Governors challenged that the guidance is only 'guidance'. This is what we should aspire to. It doesn't mean that we have to follow it completely. Decisions need to be made that best suit our setting.

LBo confirmed that they will be no updates to parents until staff receive test results.

Governors, LBo and RPe confirmed that they felt the RA and schedule that was in place meant that we were able to reopen to keyworker children, reception, year 1 and year 6 on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. This date was dependent on staff testing negative. Governors agreed that if tests came back positive then they would sanction a start date of 8th June to give staff more prep time.

**2241 Date of the next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Meeting closed at 7.22pm

Chair.....

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