

LANGLEY FITZURSE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS MEETING
12th January 2021

Minutes

SIAMS meeting booked 18th Jan 15.30.

Attending: Karen Winterburn (KW) Head. Hugh Solly (HS) Foundation Governor. Katherine Bloomer (KB) Link
Chaplain. Harriet Wilkinson (HW) Foundation Governor.

1. **Opening prayer** KB
2. **Minutes/notes from previous meeting**
Approved.
3. **Areas for monitoring**

- (i) **RE.** Draft policy is with KW to discuss with staff and **seek FGB approval at the end of Jan.**

James Osler to update curriculum map, which can then go up on website.

Discussed monitoring through class visit and pupil voice online via Teams done in Nov 20. To repeat pupil voice online in Term 5 or 6. – look for evidence of progress. **HW to consider if year 3/ 4 or 5/6 and what questions to use.**

HW, HS & KB had Zoom meeting in Oct 20 with Becky Fisher (RE support at SSQ) to discuss monitoring RE. Suggested 17 pieces of work a year on RE. Understanding Christianity in place. Discovery RE for other religions. Uses a 2 year rolling programme. Useful input and HW hopes we can work more closely with book checks, etc. **KW to put a plan in place with staff teams.**

KB reminded KW that there are a lot of RE online resources good to use. KW has passed this on to staff.

Draycot Ministry Team are available for RE support. Rev Mark (curate) is working with Chameleon class for a Science/Faith Quiz a Curate session.

KW to look at a possible art project to link RE for pupils in school and at home – spirituality?

- (ii) **Collective Worship.**

As currently in Lockdown, there is class worship in school – looking at resources for those pupils who are home schooling. Rev Mark has sent links to his recorded assemblies. Trevor Ranger has a monthly video assembly which is sent to KW to share with teachers. The values are T3 Truthfulness, T4 friendship. KB has sent the termly resource sheet for teachers and inserts for the school newsletter – **KW to contact if more resources required.**

Since our last meeting the school has celebrated Harvest and Remembrance outdoors, and KB provided 'Christmas in a box' which KW reports the children enjoyed. This term (T3) we would mark Christingle and raise funds for the Children's Society – KB has collecting boxes and resources. Becky Fisher (Rural Schools and Churches worker for Gauzebrook churches – SSQ) suggested doing a Christingle video jointly with SSQ. Rev Mark also happy to support. **KW to agree a service with Becky and Rev Mark.**

We hope to hold an outside Easter service providing children back in school (end T4) **KW and KB to agree.**

KB will let school know the Lent theme for the benefice – probably prayer. Hoping to provide some in school resources to use during T4 in class. Also some weekly social media content. **KB to keep KW updated.**

Draft policy to be agreed by KW and staff then to the appropriate committee for approval. **KW to follow up.**

- (iii) **School Ethos.** Discussed online pupil voice for Christian distinctiveness at school. Keep it simple. Possibly Term 3 or 4 with worship council on a theme. **Discuss more at SIAMS meeting.**
- (iv) **Church/school/community links.** The school has been awarded the Bristol Diocese Church/School Partnership award- thanks to KB for her work on partnership award.

Update. Rev Alison finished on 27 Dec. Rev Mark is curate in charge. KB remains the school link. The benefice will involve the school in the recruitment process as a stakeholder.

PCC comms. HW attends PCC meetings, but some concerns have been expressed about miscommunication. HW attends and gives updates at PCC meetings. KB noted that information also goes to the vicar & church warden and it is their responsibility to keep the PCC updated in between meetings. **Rev Mark is going work with the PCC to clarify boundaries and expectations.**

Foundation Governors. David Bloomer has stepped down as foundation governor and Harriet plans to step down in the summer. Actively need to look for new foundation governors. KB has written clear email that states the process. Suggestions to KW and chair of governors – nominations to St Peters PCC – then to Bristol Diocese for approval and appointment. HS asked if we can adopt a current governor to be a foundation governor as may be easier to find a 'non-foundation governor'. **HS to discuss possibility with Chair of governors to identify any possibilities.**

Joint projects – St Peters is working to become an Eco Church. Rev Mark has discussed & sent information to KW on creation care initiatives like building of bug boxes. Will aim to do this term – children can build at home. **KW and Rev Mark to organise.** The Draycot churches are part of the North Wiltshire Mission Area – pupils were involved in the online Advent and Christmas services. Due to Covid the village Carols on the Common was not able to take place.

- (v) **Environment.** Currently in 3rd lockdown. 40-50% of children at school, rest home learning using Seesaw & Tapestry online platforms and weekly calls. HW asked about Teams live online learning. KW says inappropriate for primary school children but there is training on Teams on Thursday and it may be appropriate for specific tasks. **HW invited to attend as she has little training or experience with Teams.** This will also be useful for collective worship, etc as we go forward.
- (vi) **Worship council.** Met in person in October (T1) and November (T2) - minutes on website. Pupils have chosen the image to go with our Bible verse. T3 aims were leading class worship (Truthfulness) and creating a Christingle service – lockdown has intervened. Plan to meet virtually this term – **KW and KB to agree an alternative project.**
- (vii) **Spirituality.** KB working on a draft policy to go to KW and staff for discussion. At our meeting with Katy Staples it was identified that staff would benefit from training to explore spirituality in more detail – **KB to contact Becky Fisher to ask about training opportunities.**
- (viii) **SIAMS.** Katy Staples advised to expect inspection Summer/Autumn 2021 (this was prior to the current lockdown). We will review Katy's feedback at a separate meeting: vision, policies, RSHE and spiritual development. She also challenged us to think about how the school's Christian distinctiveness has helped in these Covid times.

Meeting 3.30pm, 18th January 2021 to continue populating the SEF

Strands we agreed to review:

1. KW
2. HS
3. KB
4. HW
5. HW
6. Collective Worship – initial work DONE
7. RE – initial work DONE

(ix) AOB

- **Agreeing School charities to support** – School council to review with James Osler. **HS to resend email. (Done)**
- **Website update** – HS reported that this is making progress, but recent demands on staff time has slowed the information input. We were encouraged by Katy Staples positive feedback on being able to access information and see the Christian distinctiveness of LF.
- **Wellbeing course** – HW gave feedback on a Wellbeing virtual course attended in November. There is a 2021 Wellbeing and Mental health survey we should do Jan- Mar 2021. KW has done before at SSQ. **KW will email Nick Bolton to see how it can be done during lockdown. HS has useful info for staff survey he can share with KW (Update: postponed until May-June 2021)**
- **Federation.** David Bloomer (outgoing foundation governor) joined at end to stress that all governors on the new federation need to be reminded that they share responsibility for Christian distinctiveness at LF. This needs to be taken account in the monitoring & reporting. **HW and HS asked to highlight using the summary SIAMS prep doc at next FGB. (Done)**

NEXT MEETING: 27th April 2021 13.30

ACTIONS:

1. RE

RE policy: KW seek FGB approval at the end of Jan

KW to send updated curriculum map to go on to website

Pupil voice RE monitoring: HW to consider if year 3/ 4 or 5/6 and what questions to use for term 5/6.

KW to put a plan in place with staff teams regarding RE between LF and SSQ.

KW to look at a possible art project to link RE for pupils in school and at home – spirituality?

2. Collective Worship.

Christingle - KW to agree a service with Becky and Rev Mark.

Easter service - KW and KB to agree.

Lent: KB to keep KW updated.

CW policy - to be agreed.

3. School Ethos

Discuss pupil voice on school Christian distinctiveness at SIAMS meeting

4. School/curch/community links

PCC comms: Rev Mark is going work with the PCC to clarify boundaries and expectations.

HS to discuss foundation governor possibilities with Chair of governors.

KW and Rev Mark to organise creation care initiative.

5. Environment

Teams training on offer

6. Worship council

KW and KB to agree an alternative project online for worship council.

7. Spirituality

KB to contact Becky Fisher to ask about training opportunities

8. SIAMS

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9. AOB:

HS to resend email re school charities (Done)

Well being course KW will email Nick Bolton to see how it can be done during lockdown.

HS has useful info for staff survey he can share with KW. (Update: well being pupil survey postponed until May-June 2021)

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SIAMS meeting 18th January 2021

Summary:

- Confirmed the format for the SEF and Karen is going to put the information in to the official format.
- We tweaked the vision in response to Katy Staples comments from the SIAMS review she did in November – It is now:

Our vision is to amaze, excite and inspire a confident, happy and resilient school community. To be an inclusive church school where everyone can be the best God has made them to be.

We've tried to make it clearer, more concise, more Christian and so that children in Y2-6 can understand it. (ie re-wrote the achieve full potential bit at the end.)

- Katherine is going to look into spirituality policy and staff training.
- Plan to do christian distinctiveness pupil voice online with worship council in T4.