Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 28th September 2021

Attending: Karen Winterburn (Headteacher), Katherine Bloomer (church link),

Rev Richard Priest (Foundation Governor)

Copy to: Ed Shire (Chair), Tom Stables (Foundation Governor), Revd Mark Siddall (curate)

KB opened in prayer and welcomed RP.

Minutes from 40th Luly		
Minutes from 12 th July	Foundation governors appointed – RP and TS. Induction – contact Ali Driver at Diocese - buddy governors? Training and areas of responsibility: RP is on Teaching & Learning, Community & Diversity, CDM. There is a cycle of monitoring. Parish partners session 20 th October 9.15am – book with diocese (free) - both KB and RP attended.	
	Website – Recognize importance of website in SIAMS preparation but also current demands on staff.KW/Joto progress alongside Oakford.	KW/JO
	Uganda update – see separate doc sent with agenda. KB has had a meeting with Chris Dobson at Bristol Diocese; Raymond Adams & Sally Robertson (Swindon). Waiting to hear back from Deanery links - Rev Shirley Danby and Rev Oliver Ross. Then look to a 3-year plan and involve the Worship Council.	КВ
	Back to school service – 5 th September. Attended service at St Peters and BBQ at school. Thanks to aal - well supported and well received.	
	Deaf awareness – 3 hearing impaired pupils. KB attended staff training. Use of radio mike important.	
Upcoming Events	Harvest 4 th October 2.30pm in church. Parents invited. Collect food donations for Doorway - Jo Kitching, Director invited to speak.	
	Remembrance - 11 th Nov. RP happy to lead a short commemoration in the school playground	
	Advent – KB arrange a wreath for CW and weekly CW resources.	КВ
	Christmas service – Rev Mark to lead. Thurs 16 th December 9.30am.	MS/JO
RE	Policy is up on website under SIAMS. Need a section under 'curriculum' dedicated to RE as an academic subject. Class newsletters list the termly topics.	JO
	Support for UC topics – as much notice as possible please. Katy Staples had noted that the Quality of resources for religions and beliefs that are not Christianity not as high quality as UC. Check resources used (NOT Twinkle)	KW/JO

	Monitoring – require a rigorous and effective system to identify progress. Have a book look in Jan 2022 meeting.	KW
Collective Worship	Policy - Under CW on website, updated. Needs to be under Policies heading too so easy to find.	JO
	Scrapbook – checked at CW last week, no entries for new academic year. Worship Council can help monitor.	JO
	Project Touchline - KW to contact and book for later in the school year. Supports Christian values & vision.	KW
	Newsletter - KB will provide a short piece on the termly value for beginning and end of term. Provides termly plan for worship which is shared with staff.	КВ
Church/School links	PCC - KB provided a report for the Sept PCC meeting. Copy sent to KW and RP. RP happy to provide a report for the next PCC meeting. TS to confirm date.	RP/TS
	Award - Liz T has been invited on a couple of occasions to present the award to the school. KW to set a date with Liz – celebration assembly? Next CDM look at 'next steps' to strengthen partnership.	ĸw
	Ministry team and transition update. Closing date 28th Sept. Sadly no applicants. (Readvertised since one candidate for Jan interview. Rev Mark announced on 28/11 that his last service in Draycot will be Easter Sunday)	
	NWMA youth children's workers – Started 27/9, (Enabler post from Jan 2022) St Peter's has contributed to the funding of these posts - we are looking for ideas - clubs, projects, etc. To invite to next Worship Council to help with the outdoor reflection area; also offering Experiences (book for 2022) Karen offered the school if placement experience needed. No Draycot holiday club this year in October half term	
	Eco church – St Peter's has a silver award. COP26 coming up - CW by Rev Mark, prayer trail in churchyard and pilgrimage around the benefice over Oct half term. The school is using the churchyard for their Forest and Field sessions.	
	Service info being sent each month to share with families, and Wild Church	
Environment	Stars Project – progressing. Workshop w/c 11 th October. Looking at class names with constellations.	
	Displays and reflection areas - KW and staff are looking to refresh displays around the school. KB will	KW

	look at the Worship Council noticeboard. To ask	
	Worship Council to survey the class reflection tables.	
	The hall – still to do.	
	Space audit on school improvement plan.	
Worship Council/Pupil Voice	New one to meet 5 th October at 1.30pm (also met on 9 th November and led worship on 17 th November)	
	Topics for the coming year: outdoor reflection area, spirituality, diversity/uniqueness, church trail, supporting Doorway, link with Uganda. Monitoring the CW scrapbook.	KB/KW
Spirituality	Policy – our hub schools did not have one to share. KB to send another example, but this needs to be developed by the whole school for a shared understanding.	КВ
	Training with staff – to develop a school definition we plan to do this together in T3 or 4 (<i>Katy Staples had identified the need for us to have a shared understanding of spiritual development</i>)	KW to book in diary
	Worship Council – to explore ideas with KB in T3 and 4.	КВ
SIAMS	It has been confirmed that our school will not be inspected in 2021/22; KW will look at populating the SEF later in the academic year.	KW
	KW and KB attended an update session with the diocese earlier in September – we will work through the sections.	
	Theological underpinning – KB shared a draft document which we discussed. KW and RP to send any changes to KB to finalise the document before sharing more widely.	KW/RP
	RP shared his reflection on the school after 1 year as a parent, and as he considered becoming a governor: he sees the school vision lived out – staff and pupils are active in their caring, with compassion, encouragement; there is a sense of community & family; a calm expectation around values & behaviour. The love being shown is agape - sacrificial agape love. A summary to go up on the school website?	KW
	School Vision – pupils, staff and stakeholders are very happy with the vision and values. We will continue to develop this, particularly making it appropriate to our local context.	

	COVID response – how did our school vision shape our COVID response? KW and JO to capture ideas before the end of T1.	KW/JO
	RSHE – Helen Rimmer has taken over the lead. RSHE resources for Church of England schools can be found at https://goodnessandmercy.co.uk/	HR
AOB	Staff induction – HR is attending the 'new to church schools' training and will feed back to the staff team. CPD – KW delighted that governing board has made effective CPD a priority in this year's school improvement plan. This supports our school vision and the flourishing of staff and pupils. Becoming Trauma Informed - KW shared information about Becoming Trauma Informed – a national yearlong network supported by Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership. COVID highlighted the need for schools to be informed about the sorts of trauma that create barriers both to accessing learning and to wider flourishing in life. The vision is for church schools to lead the way in: .• demonstrating wisdom by upskilling staff with the evidence-informed knowledge to support these children as best they can • building communities that collaborate to ensure flourishing for all – particularly the most vulnerable • seeing the innate dignity in each and every child thus putting their needs first • becoming beacons of hope so that 'bad experiences need not have the last word' KW shared that the emotional and developmental impact of COVID on KS1 means reassessing the priorities this term to focus on building resilience and readiness to learn, strengthening self-esteem. Play therapy is also available.	
Date of next meeting	Tuesday, 23 rd January 2022 1.30pm	