

JMPC Shute and Kilmington

Present Steve, Zoe and Fiona

No new declarations

Minutes of last meeting approved as an accurate record.

Update on school wider opening.

Both schools open. Apprehension at Shute – staff initially concerned. Staff meeting on Tuesday to allay concerns – all ticking along nicely. Small numbers – 7 or 8 pupils in Shute; Kilmington 9 in morning and 10 in afternoon, no foundation currently, but starting again next week. Many parents have chosen not to send their children back. Staff feeling more confident. Afternoons doing cooking and forest school type activities. Risk assessments in place – were very detailed. Some slight amendments as being seen in practice, but no major changes. Only around 20 parents dropping off/collecting children over a half-hour period, so processes are working well.

Behaviour policy – slight amendments made to policy in terms of rewards and sanctions. Also possibility to send pupils home if they are unable to socially distance, or if sneezing (for example with hay fever) any issues would be taken up individually with the family to work together to support appropriate behaviour.

Are numbers likely to increase? Keyworker numbers likely to increase, may need to set up an additional 'bubble' for keyworkers. Could accept additional keyworker pupils and maintain the existing year groups which have been invited back. Would not have capacity to take additional year groups to those already identified by the government.

Future plans

Normally governors would be questioning progress towards identified school improvement and pupil attainment objectives. Team around the school meeting with Brad Murray next week – 16 June. COVID-19 has made traditional progress and measures for progress difficult. The team around the school meeting will bring an LA perspective to the support being offered to the schools and help the board make an informed decision about the impact of the Management Partnership.

Does Steve have a timeframe in mind for the schools joining the Devon Moors Federation? Devon Moors Federation happy in principle with the possibility of Shute and Kilmington joining the federation, working with both Heads of School (HoS) has been positive. Both HoS will be part of the team around the school meeting – need to be involved in any decision to consider joining the federation and have an opportunity to express any concerns. HoS need to understand the basis of the federation and inter-school support. Staffing structure in both schools will need to be considered.

Budget scenario is complicated, Steph looking at the possibilities and working to put together some costings.

Need to have discussions with Devon Moors governing board too. Suggested that Steve seeks approval in principle from the Devon Moors board, so we know if they are happy to proceed with a formal consultation process, subject to a successful outcome from the team around the school meeting and AVF board meeting outcome.

Any due diligence from Steve's end? Timeline? Consultation needed with staff and parents; face-to-face meetings would be best, so possibly January would be the earliest for a change in structure to join Devon Moors Federation, pending governor approval and consultation with staff and parents.

Next meeting – date to be set up following the team around the school meeting and Steve's board meeting. Steve to contact Zoe with possible date.