

Appendix 1

Questions for Governors / Leanne Arrowsmith

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1. Re. Admissions Policy – on page two ‘The Duchy School is a member of PAT – should this be Hemyock?’ Further on the policy refers to All Saints. The email address is a CFF one. (PR)
Answer - HN to talk to Andrew Brent to make these typing corrections. Approved pending those alterations. LA pointed out PAN has now risen to 30.
2. Re. Admissions Policy – Over subscription – A child in the area on the Devon/Somerset border could be over three miles from Hemyock but not have a place due to over subscription. This child could then have to travel over seven miles to it’s nearest Devon School. (PR)
Answer - HN said that if the school is full there is a waiting list scenario. As an academy there is a freedom to take children over PAN and ask for extra funding if we can accommodate them. KS1 legislation may prevent this from happening. If the school is at capacity this is often overcome by sorting registration groups differently from teaching groups. Local Authority can place a child over PAN if it is shown that this is the most appropriate school for them.
3. **Re. Action Plans – Spelling – please explain how you fill the gaps.** (PR)
Answer – In various ways. Practise sessions have been built into the daily timetable across the school. These are much more targeted than they have been previously and are directed towards gaps that have been noticed by way of assessment. KS1 have recap sessions daily at the beginning of their phonics session. TAs are used to do interventions with children who are struggling with specific areas of the phase in which they are working. Sometimes these interventions are done by the teachers instead of the TAs.
4. **Re. Action Plans – Is training for Teaching Assistants on section B on track?** (PR)
Answer - No formal TA training has taken place because Teachers are not yet adequately trained themselves and it is important that this is tackled first. The training of TAs will roll over into September.
5. Re. Action Plans – Are there funds for September 2015 – will the order be ready at the start of the new term? (PR)
Answer – This question relates to maths equipment. LA said that a lot of money has already been spent although funding will be an ongoing issue. There will be a new budget available in September.
6. **Re. Action Plans – Will all other amber tasks be completed?** (PR)
Answer - Dates have been allocated for staff meetings so these will be completed. Other items shown in amber are because some things take time to imbed and for practice to become ‘normal’ and so work is continual and cannot be rag rated green.
7. Re. Action Plans – School Grounds veg/fruit beds etc – How will these be sustained and maintained through school holidays and beyond? (PR)
Answer - Alison Field has put program of work together to be started on in September giving each class a responsibility in this area linked to the National Curriculum. She will also arrange a rota of parents and local people to take care of the necessary work over the Summer Holidays. LA feels that this will be dealt with more adequately this time as a member of staff is driving it.