

## Minutes

### Extraordinary meeting of OAT Board of Trustees

Date: 24 June 2020

Time: 17:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

#### Present:

Paul Hann	PH	Chair
Nick Hudson	NH	CEO and Trustee
Janet Renou	JR	Trustee
Bal Samra	BS	Trustee
Mark Stanyer	MS	Executive Principal and Trustee
Peter Murray	PM	Trustee and Founding Chair
Kate Rutherford	KR	Executive Principal and Trustee
Frances Hall	FH	Trustee
Ian Brookman	IB	Trustee

#### In attendance:

Sunita Yardley–Patel	SYP	Clerk
Diana Murray	DM	Ormiston Trust
Rob Pritchard	RP	National Director of Education

#### Apologies:

Andrew Jones	AJ	Trustee
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#### Minutes:

Part	Discussion	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the key discussion points. Apologies were received from AJ.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes from the previous extraordinary meeting - 10 June 2020</b>	
	The minutes from the Extraordinary meeting of 10 June 2020 were approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Overview of OAT's response to COVID 19</b>	
	NH outlined that the schools in the Halton Local Authority have proceeded with wider opening and this has gone smoothly. NH further outlined that current attendance figures are increasing as	

communities gain confidence in the safety of returning children to schools and more parents go back to work.

Primary pupils have been attending and have been pleased to be at school. Students have been responsive to the new systems and processes in place.

The Trustees asked whether the current daily attendance figure of 64% attendance is high in the national context. NH responded that the figures change on a day to day basis because of a variety of external factors and the overall rate was 79%. Attendance procedures are also still being followed as normal and principals are doing everything possible to encourage continued attendance.

The Trustees asked whether there have been any issues with social distancing. RP responded that no major issues have been reported and pupils are aligned with social distancing rules.

A principal trustee added that students are adapting to the new rules and measures are being taken to encourage attendance from absent children.

Trustees asked what contingency arrangements have been made in response to potential spikes in COVID 19 cases in individual regions. NH responded that work is currently being completed planning for reopening in September 2020. These plans will address the local spike scenario, but plans will be finalised when further government advice is released. Considerations for September planning includes year group bubbles and how to ensure seamless continuous learning both face-to-face and online if schools close again due to pandemic escalation.

Trustees asked how 1m social distancing would be implemented. NH responded that social distancing in education may be different to social distancing in public areas in order to facilitate full school return. This will be further discussed when government guidance is released.

The Chair asked for an outline of how catch up funding will be utilised. The CEO outlined the new funding source to replace the Year-7 catch up funding.

RP further outlined a working example of the potential catchup funding and how it will be used. Planning with principals is currently underway to utilise catch up funding effectively and manage and monitor the spending of the extra funds. Once plans are drafted, best practice will be shared amongst schools.

RP further outlined the catchup functions that will be used in various year groups which includes using PiXL at primary

	<p>schools and GL assessments for years 7 and 8.</p> <p>Trustees asked whether the additional funding would deliver a surplus. The CEO responded that it will not and added that the funding is only for one year and going forward the year 7 catchup funding will not resume.</p> <p>Trustees asked whether the curriculum would be narrower this year in order to catch up on core subjects. RP responded that this will differ from school to school but final decisions will not be made until national announcements are made regarding the assessment process for next year.</p> <p>The Chair thanked principals and the executive for the work that has been completed to facilitate the return to school.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the upcoming sub-committee meetings and the agenda for the Trust Board on 9 July 2020.</p>	
4	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	Next meeting to be held on 9 July 2020.	