

Chilton Primary & Ramsgate Free School

Notes of Parent Rep Meeting, 6-7.15pm, Monday 11 January 2016

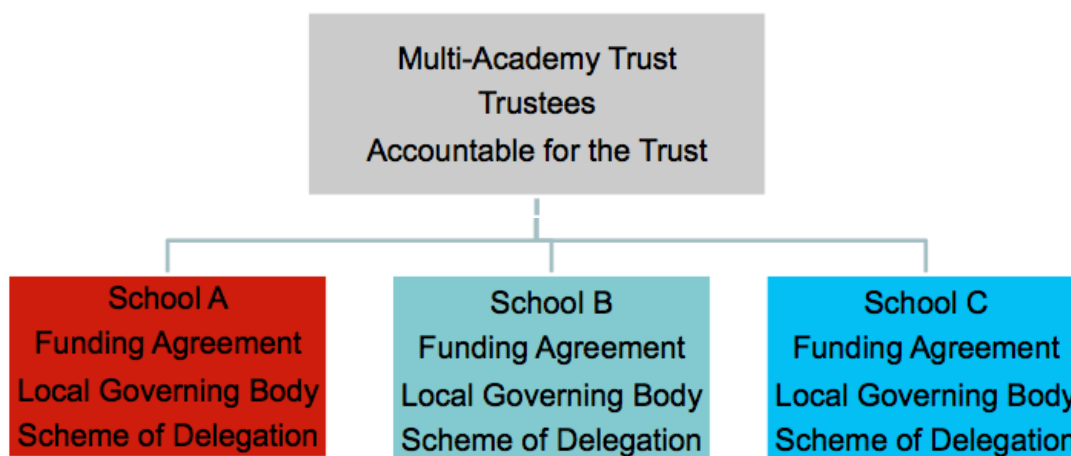
Present – Lisa Adams, Michelle Dennis, Noel Eaton, Jen Todd, Michelle Yeoman, K Law, A O’Grady, H Whitworth (Chilton Primary), Emma Jackson, Helen Sears-Stewart, Sabrina Littlewood, N Budge, (Ramsgate Free School), C Southern

Notes also sent to Tracy Anderson, Denise Bray, Stacey Daniels, Zoe Gjini, Amanda Goodman, Louise Hill, Nicola Kenny, Kate Leese, Andrea McCoy, Jo Mapp, Sophia Muppidi-Collins, Laura Webb, Abigail Holden, Agnes Simon, Aimee Trevelyan, Heather Burke, Jordan Nicolson, Portia Sharpin, Stacey Abbott

Chilton Academy Trust

Parents had requested information on the structure and governance of the schools and Chilton Academy Trust.

Chilton Academy Trust (a Multi-Academy trust) governs Chilton Primary and RFS.



(for illustration purposes only – it does not imply a 3rd school!)

Chilton & RFS have their own governing body (which are represented within the multi-academy trust) and have separate funds. Both are funded by central Government and make decisions to spend based on children’s needs. Staff or resources that are shared across both schools are for paid proportionally by each school.

For more information of governance in Multi Academy Trusts go to -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/458632/governance-in-multi-academy-trusts_Sept2015.pdf

Details of school governance are in the process of being updated on our school websites. Lots of policies adopted by the Trust to be reviewed.

Schools still work within strict rules and regulations but have more autonomy as an academy.

Recruitment of Executive Head (member of Academy Trust Governing body)

Interviews in two weeks with aim for the successful candidate to start September 2016.

Free School update

Education Funding Agency now own the land and McAvoy's appointed as contractors.

Plans for 2.7 acre site are at <http://ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk/location-facilities-and-transport/>.

£4.1 million funding to build a Free School. If no objections are received, plan to start work at the end of April. In any event, the contractors can start clearing the land.

RFS have to leave the Chilton site in July and move to the new site. McAvoy's contractually obliged to provide for this.

Once RFS are on the new site, it will be a 2-form entry for Reception and Year 3. Chilton can benefit from the facilities and resources (eg covered multi-use games area) in the future.

Contacting Principals about providing the catering.

Chilton primary's Road Safety Campaign

To improve road safety, the Junior leadership Team invited students to design posters.

Cones are being put out and once road works have finished, a voluntary one-way system will be trialled - Leaflets will be sent to parents and the local community and posters displayed.

School efforts, including an all-weather presence on the gate, are appreciated and road safety has improved.

At a local school children have designed a giant 'road safety' banner. Chilton does not own the land leading to the main pedestrian entrance so would be unable to display a banner here which is the main area of congestion.

Travel to RFS

Parent Rep suggested hire of Chilton minibus (15 seats) to pick up/drop off children to school given the distance some children have to travel.

Costed at £4.50 per child for pick up/drop off (including hire, driver, fuel etc).

Parents thought this seemed expensive – Sabrina to see how many people were interested in drop off/pick ups when Jordan asked via Facebook.

Alternative suggestion of car sharing positively received.

Corporate Sponsorship

Chilton parent secured sponsorship for school sports kit from his employer.

Parents to find out if their employers offer sponsorships/donations for Chilton/RFS.

Joint meeting was well received. Interesting and useful to share information and work together where possible. Next joint meeting in Term 5.

AOB

Extend breakfast club?

School recruited an additional person and been extended to max capacity at present.

Julie Carter calls parents if children have booked but do not attend the breakfast club. Places to be reviewed in September and all places issued on a first come first served basis/existing places held for September to be discussed.

How are after school clubs allocated? More clubs for KS1?

Allocation reviewed following recent parent feedback. Clubs run voluntarily by teachers and are very popular.

Parents welcomed to use the library if older sibling attending an after school club (promote?)

In July 2015 55% children attended an after school club compared to 39% in 2013.

Mr Wheeler & Miss Knight to be invited to next Chilton Parent Reps meeting to discuss what is available, numbers, how it is timetabled and places allocated.

Actions

Update governance details on school website	Program of updates	Governors	School websites
Sabrina to identify how many people were in interested in drop off/pick ups when Jordan asked via Facebook. Car sharing?		Sabrina Littlewood/ Cheryl Southern	
Invite Mr Wheeler & Miss Knight to next Chilton Parent Reps meeting to discuss lunch and After School Clubs (what is available, how it is timetabled & allocated)		Cheryl Southern	
Chilton Breakfast Club feedback and Sept sign up? Julie Carter		Cheryl Southern	
Promote use of library if waiting for another child to attend ASC?		Angie O'Grady	
Can parents access sponsorships and donations from employers for local community? Apply for Chilton/RFS	February (diarise annual reminder?)	Kate Law Nick Budge Parent Reps	Newsletter Newsletter Ask parents
Summary of Parent Rep meeting for Ramsgate Free School newsletter	25.1.16	Cheryl Southern	Newsletter

Next Chilton meeting 6-7pm, Tuesday 1 March 2016

Chilton Primary agenda to include

Review actions from November meeting

Car Sharing (promote, sign up at school events)

Lisa Adams (Chilton)

Next RFS meeting 5.30-6.30pm, Monday 29 February 2016

RFS agenda to include

Review actions from December meeting

Mini bus hire feedback/Car Sharing

Matching funds for the very best Ramsgate Free School