

# Sladefield Infant and Thornton Primary Schools

## Working Party

**Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Present**

Mrs Cathy Grace – Acting Head of Thornton Primary School  
Mr Rob Meadows – Head of Sladefield Infant School  
Mrs Nicola Connolly – Deputy Head of Sladefield Infant School  
Mrs Katie Biddle-Rawbone – Assistant Head of Thornton Primary School  
Mr Sajad Akram – Parent Thornton (Chair)  
Mrs Obaida Javed – Parent Sladefield and Thornton (Vice-Chair)  
Mr Amjad Rayaz – Parent Sladefield  
Mrs Sadia Haqnawaz - Parent Thornton  
Mrs Halima Khan – Parent Thornton and Sladefield

### **1. Apologies**

None.

The meeting commenced at 10.05am on Microsoft Teams.

| Item   | Action Required   |
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| <b>2. Welcome</b><br>Sajad welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The minutes from the previous meeting, previously shared, were approved.   |   |
| <b>3. Resources</b><br>Sajad confirmed with Nicola that the Sladefield Infants had investigated alternative resources that could be used in place of Foo Foo the Rabbit. Nicola confirmed they had and shared suggestions for alternatives. Sajad thanked Nicola.  |   |
| <b>4. Updating parents and carers</b><br>Sajad and Obaida discussed delaying a joint letter from both schools to parents and carers to update them due to the current national lockdown. Emailing parents and carers was discussed by the working party, but this was not felt to be effective at the current time. This | Sajad and Obaida to send a joint letter this term to parents to update them on the work of the working party – date to be agreed at next working party meeting on 28/04/2021. |

will be reviewed at the next working party meeting on 28/04/2021. Nicola and Katie informed the working party that resources for the summer term would be uploaded onto Microsoft Teams to share with members before the next meeting by 21/04/2021.

The working party discussed how the current curriculum was significantly disrupted by the national lockdown and that both schools would be prioritising elements of the curriculum that fully supported pupil wellbeing and safety upon their return to work. Both schools shared with the working party how it had not been possible to follow the planned curriculum to the full during remote learning and the significant challenges it presented.

Rob talked about Sladefield's daily discussions with pupils that focussed on Mental Health and Wellbeing, as well as opportunities for pupils to work with the pastoral team as needs arise. Cathy described how Thornton was providing two PSHE lessons a week to increase support for pupil wellbeing, as well as the twice-daily check-ins with pupils during registration.

Obaida signposted both schools to an effective YouTube clip called 'Great Realisation' that she felt would be appropriate to share with parents and carers to support them and their children. This was noted by both schools and they thanked Obaida.

Both schools discussed the support available to pupils as a result of having some staff members trained to support bereavement, as well as the collaborative piece of work they had done with Anna Bateman to produce a video supporting people with anxiety that is now available on the school's websites.

Staff from both schools to upload scanned books and resources for the Summer Term onto Microsoft Teams for the working party to have access to – by 21/04/2021.

## 5. Next Meeting

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| <b>The working party members agreed to meet on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 10am via Microsoft Teams.</b> |  |
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**Next meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am via Microsoft Teams.**

Meeting closed at 10.38am.