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ATTENDEES:

Head Teacher - Jennifer Duncan (Chair)
Community Representative – Anne Kelly
Chair - Carol White

OTHER ATTENDEES: Clerks – Carole Tonner

1. Apologies

Eilidh Mietelska, Lesley May

2. Welcome

3. Minutes of LAC meeting 18/09/19 for approval and matters arising

Previous minutes were approved and agreed as a true reflection of the meeting.

4. Temporary accommodation update

The current temporary accommodation provides space for all 45 children currently on role, this also includes space for 12 new children that will start in September 2020

There may be the possibility of another additional classroom to add onto the current temporary classrooms in 2021 – this will be erected before the summer holidays begin

5. Permanent accommodation update

The new build will now not be complete until September 2022 with the agreement that the build and site will be accessible for new parents to visit May 2022. This will provide staff with the opportunity to prepare evacuation plans for all children in preparation for the start of school in September 2022.

It is proposed that the local authority and health & safety will approve the accommodation March 31st 2022. May to April 2022 will give allowance for any snagging

DFE will select the builders once all bids are in. There are currently 3 bids in out of a potential 4. The result for whom the contract will go to will be announced around April 15th. The builders who win the contract will then work with the trust to finalise the plans. The builders will start on site around January 2021 to March 2022.

Once all building work is complete the site will then be leased to TVED.

AK asked how much disruption there could be regarding the building site. CW replied, there will be some disruption but this will be kept to a minimum. AK asked if there was a map showing access to the site. CW replied there is one but it is waiting to be approved.

AK – will inform MEC of the proposed schedule, she will also liaise with TVED regarding any possible issues when building work begins.

There are currently no issues with regards to wildlife on the site, the only thing to be mindful about would be nesting birds. It was also identified that there were no trees with preservation orders. AK asked where possible could we save any existing trees

6. Headteacher report

JD - informed the group that the headteacher's report is in a slightly different format

Extra-curricular activities have begun at Discovery - this is currently an after school club offered to parents and children – this has been well attended with 10 parents attending with their child.

Holiday clubs have been planned for the Easter holidays for children only, these will be run by Discovery staff

We are currently advertising for a Safeguarding, SEND and Inclusion Manager due to the resignation of Eilidh Mietelska who is the current Pastoral & Welfare Lead. Eilidh is moving to a new role as Inclusion Coordinator for Outwood Academy Ormesby. We would like to say a big thank you to Eilidh for all her incredible hard work. She has built up extremely good working relationships with the parents, which are reflected in feedback we receive from parents. We would like to wish her good luck in her new role.

The new advertised role has been slightly adjusted to fully meet the needs of Discovery and the trust

Discovery have and will continue to develop good working relationship with Friends of Nature's World. This may include Friends of Nature's World coming up to Discovery to work on some raised beds outside the temporary classrooms.

7. Focus of the committee for the autumn term/next academic year. What would we like to achieve/see on offer for pupils?

To be discussed further at the next LAC meeting

9 Any other business

No other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be planned for July – TBC

