

Waterton Academy Trust

Prime Minister & Deputy Prime Minister Headteachers' Group Q&A

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Thursday 17 th February 2022	9.30am	Centre for Excellence
PRESENT		
Chair:	D Dickinson (CEO)	
Attending:	J Grayston (<i>Cherry Tree</i>)	L Cavell (CESO)
	J Coyle (<i>Wrenthorpe</i>)	L Welsh (<i>Normanton Junior</i>)
	C Holloway (<i>Crofton</i>)	J Dunderdale (<i>Sharlston</i>)
	S Thompson (<i>Mill Dam, Cherry Tree</i>)	S Maiden (<i>South Kirkby</i>)
	J Bean (<i>Churchfield</i>)	B Cochrane (King's Meadow)
	C Johnson (<i>West End</i>)	S Gordon (<i>Normanton Common, Lee Brigg</i>)
	L Kilkenny (<i>Lee Brigg</i>)	
Guests:	Ethan (<i>CPS Prime Minister</i>)	Keisha (<i>NCPA Deputy Prime Minister</i>)
Clerk:	G Waring	
Apologies:	A Riby (<i>Normanton Common</i>), T Harpham (<i>Walton</i>).	
ITEM	ACTION	
1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), D Dickinson welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were given by T Harpham and A Riby.		
2. PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY REPORT AND Q&A		
<p>Special guests Ethan, Waterton Prime Minister and Keisha, Waterton Deputy Prime Minister were welcomed. It was discussed that parliament activities have resumed following COVID-19 disruption. The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister report to Headteachers was presented detailing activities and events actioned by Children's Parliament thus far in the academic year. Discussions took place surrounding key points raised in the report including sports, wellbeing and anti- bullying.</p> <p><i>Sports-</i> It was agreed that schools have a wide sporting curriculum though it was decided that the opportunity to conduct competitive sporting events as whole classes would be desirable.</p> <p><i>Wellbeing-</i> Conversation focused upon the multitude of initiatives implemented within Waterton schools to support mental health and wellbeing. Ongoing initiatives included School Mental Health Champions, random acts of kindness, education on internet safety and appropriate usage, weekly mental health drop in slots, therapy animals, and mental health buddy systems. It was agreed by the Prime Minister and Deputy that more opportunity to show care for other pupils, school, and the environment would be desirable.</p> <p>ACTION 1: PM & DPM to formulate a report concerning wellbeing and mental health initiatives throughout the Trust to propose a 'mental health buddy' system and a weekly mental health and wellbeing drop in slot within more Waterton schools.</p> <p><i>Anti- Bullying-</i> Discussions took place surrounding bullying and its impact upon wellbeing. It was disclosed that at current Normanton Junior Academy have expressed interest in the Dianna Anti bullying Ambassador Programme and at current are on a waiting list. It was agreed that more information would be shared with the group when possible.</p> <p>ACTION 2: All Schools are to partake in 'Anti-bullying Week'.</p>	<p>DD/G W</p> <p>HT's</p>	

	<p>Q&A-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Q: As Headteachers you know what parliament do, as a Headteachers Group what do you do? A: As a Headteachers Group we look at important things that help us to run schools and how we can come together as a Headteachers Group to better run or schools in order to provide Waterton children a quality education. Q: As Headteachers what do you do to help keep us and our learning environment safe? A: The most important thing we do to keep children safe is to get to know the community and build strong relationships with the families that we work with. As well as ensuring safe buildings we also have Safeguarding Officers and Designated Safeguarding Leads, teachers also teach children how to keep themselves safe. Q: As Headteachers how do you know what is happening in Waterton schools? A: This Headteachers Group meeting is a prime example as we come together to talk. We also have networks, Trust INSET and communicate via Microsoft Teams, letters, telephone calls and email. Q: Are there any plans for competitive academic competitions such as maths a competition? A: This idea has been spoken about a few times in previous meetings and has proven successful when done virtually by other schools in the Barnsley area. <p>ACTION 3: PM & DPM to take virtual quiz league proposal to Children’s Parliament for vote.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What do schools do to encourage inclusion and diversity? A: Our schools educate children as well as the wider community, this work begins early in nursery and is embedded throughout children’s academic journeys. <p>The CEO thanked the Prime Minister and Deputy for their contributions and attendance at the meeting.</p> <p><i>(The Prime Minister and Deputy left the meeting 9:52)</i></p>	<p>GW/D D</p>
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Meeting Ended: 9:52

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