

	discussions about the MAT since the last Governing Body meeting.	
16/35.1	<p><u>Timetable</u></p> <p>The Chair did have concerns that it was moving too fast and these concerns were also shared by the Chair of Airey Hill. The Chair has now been to meet with Jane Douglas (Headteacher of Glaisdale and Lealholm) and they agreed that the two Whitby Schools are starting from a different point and need to take time to get a feel for the MAT. By contrast Lealholm, Castleton and Glaisdale are all part of the Esk Valley Alliance and have worked together very closely for a number of years.</p> <p>There was then a meeting of the Chairs of West Cliff, Airey Hill, Castleton and Glaisdale. This was very positive and productive and they agreed to set up a steering group of the Headteachers and Chairs. This steering group would draw up a plan and timetable for conversion to a MAT.</p>	
16/35.2	<p><u>MAT Organisation</u></p> <p>The Chair felt that the schools all have a very similar ethos and would together set a strong model that can be built on in the future with the addition of more schools.</p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the size of the proposed MAT, the Headteacher explained that it would be around 500-600 pupils which would be very small for a MAT but it contains a group of strong schools who punch above their weight.</p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the practical work and effort to set up the MAT and how this would impact West Cliff, the Headteacher explained that it was going to be led by the Business Manager at Castleton and Glaisdale as they already have experience in setting up and running the Esk Valley Alliance. The impact on leadership time at West Cliff should be minimal.</p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the structure of the MAT, the Chair explained that the proposed Trustee Board would be made of the four Headteachers, the four Chairs of Governors and then four others recruited on a skills basis.</p>	<p><i>Strategic Direction</i></p> <p><i>Strategic Direction</i></p> <p><i>Strategic Direction</i></p>
16/35.3	<p><u>Curriculum</u></p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the curriculum that the MAT would follow, the Headteacher confirmed that as an Academy they would not have to follow the National Curriculum but since given the pupils are still tested on this they would stay very close to it. The Headteacher also confirmed that as they would be preparing pupils for Whitby secondary schools they would be mindful of their curriculum.</p>	<i>Strategic Direction</i>
16/35.4	<p><u>Consultation Response</u></p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the responses to the consultation letter; the Headteacher explained that it was sent out on the same day that the</p>	<i>Strategic Direction</i>

	<p>Government announced that all schools would convert to academies and there were no responses received. The parent governors agreed that the feeling from the parents is that because of the national and local situation then academy conversion is inevitable - which is why nobody felt the need to reply.</p>	
16/36	<p>Headteacher Report</p> <p>There was no Headteacher Report as the last Governing Body Meeting had been shortly before the end of the last term and there was little new to report since then.</p> <p>The Governors agreed that from next term onwards the Headteacher Report could focus on one SEF heading at each meeting.</p>	
16/37	<p>Nursery Update</p> <p>The Headteacher reported that the nursery is now up and running. The staff had turned up in the holidays to help get the nursery ready for the first children.</p> <p><u>The Governors asked</u> about the feedback from parents and the Headteacher confirmed that so far it has been very positive. The first day was rather chaotic as everyone wanted to see the new space but it is now much calmer.</p> <p>The Governors wished to thank and congratulate Christina Zanelli-Tyler, Scott Grason and all of the staff for the huge effort and time that they put in to get the nursery ready during the school holidays.</p>	<i>Holding to account</i>
16/38	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>The Headteacher explained that Susan Clough has been to school to discuss Safeguarding and that she will report at the next Governing Body Meeting.</p> <p>The Headteacher confirmed that there are no current safeguarding issues to report.</p>	
16/39	<p>Policy Reviews</p> <p>None.</p>	
16/40 16/40.1	<p>Governor Training and visits</p> <p><u>Complaints Training</u></p> <p>DR and PG have attended Complaints Procedure Training. This was very good and much of it was common sense; in particular the training reminded them of the importance of not raising issues directly with the Governing Body but that the correct process must be observed.</p> <p>The Governors agreed that when the new Governors are in place then they will draw up a panel of Governors to deal with complaints.</p>	

<p>16/40.2</p>	<p><u>Future Training</u> Airy Hill is putting on New Governor training which would be useful for any Governors who have not yet done this training.</p> <p>The Governors agreed that it would be sensible to arrange for training in the autumn term to look specifically at the data for West Cliff.</p>	
<p>16/40.3</p>	<p><u>Learning Walk</u> DR and DJ have conducted a Maths walk. They went to Year 6 and observed the relaxation work being done to prepare them for SATS – they were impressed by how calming it was and the children gave very positive feedback about it.</p> <p>DJ sat with the lower ability group and reported that the children were engaged and felt that they could achieve in maths – their whole attitude was much more positive than it had been September.</p> <p>DR sat with the SEN group and also with the higher ability group. She noted that the children could describe very clearly what they were doing and was pleased that, although the SEN group were not sitting SATS, they were not marginalised or ignored.</p>	
<p>16/41</p>	<p>Any other Urgent Business None</p>	
<p>16/42</p>	<p>Future Meeting Dates Mon 9th May Mon 6th June Mon 27th June (Possibly Mon 18th July)</p>	

Actions:

**New Governor Training
Draw up panel of Complaints Governors**