School Life Group – 20/10/2026
Attendance: Nanya Coles (Chair), Karen Barlow (Head), Emily Clements (Teacher), Annabel White (Kingfisher rep)

Agenda

Agenda item	Agenda item
Welcome	3.40-3.45
Terms of reference - SLG current ToR	3.45 – 3.55
Heads Report	3.55 – 4.10
Update from PTFA	4.10 - 4.15
Update from Governor	4.15 – 4.20
Class Agenda items	4.20 – 4.40
Close	4.40

Minutes

Agenda item	Minutes	Action item
Welcome		
Terms of reference - SLG current ToR	Terms of Reference agreed for upcoming year	

Heads Report	Head provided an update:
	• Staffing update – Miss Gilbert starting after half term
	• Data outcomes discussed
	• CPD / training / Meetings:
	  ○ List of compliance training in September
	  ○ Trust hub meetings / CPD
	  ○ Academy head day
	  ○ Rise AI briefings
	  ○ Equality, diversity and inclusion training
	  ○ Cluster heads meeting and school visit
	  ○ Inclusion partner review
	• Events and activities
	  ○ Macmillan coffee morning
	  ○ Eco group seaweed survey
	  ○ Scholastic online book club
	  ○ Exeter RAMM
	  ○ Newton Abbot museum
	  ○ Apple picking
	  ○ Mufti day for Just one Tree
	  ○ Arts week, art and theatre workshop, author visit and book signing	

Update from PTFA	A new PTFA group have been elected at their first meeting of the year. Chair has sent out a whole school communication following the meeting which included an update: • Halloween disco • Christmas plans • Potential funding for playground improvements • Funding update – requests for science week, arts week, world book day, school trips, classroom resources • Bake sale • Next PTFA meeting 9th November	

Update from Governor	Update provided: Encouraging outcomes: Last year's phonics and times-table results were particular strengths. With small year groups, the visit also highlighted the importance of looking at each child's progress, rather than percentages alone. Priorities for this year: Writing is a major focus, particularly spelling, sentence contruction and accuracy. English teaching now includes flexible grouping to respond to pupil's needs and the school is also working to strengthen reading for pleasure. Helping children to settle and learn: the head reported that children have generally settled well, with peer support and the buddy system helping newcomers. We discussed how the readiness curriculum and targeted support help children to build the foundations they need and progress from their individual starting points. Questions being taken forward: My report asks for clarification about access to specialist SEND support, secondary arrangements and the continuity of PE and sporting opportunities. On PE, I am asking the trust what temporary funding options were considered and how provision will be supported while future arrangements are awaited	
Class Agenda items	School App and calendar: • Feedback received that the calendar doesn't integrate with online calendar. • School will continue to update the app calendar but cannot manage to update several different calendars PE provision discussed • Key dates for the sports school games shared with the school and sports festival options • National delivery partner update. • Heads meeting taking place on 19th November and will provide update if any update on PE nationally	Head to ensure push notices are sent to update when there is an update on the app
Close		