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1. Present: Andrew Kennedy, Roger Mann, Paul Tonks, Kirsten Branigan, Ayesha Tahir, Mark Patterson, Rolf Purvis, Lloyd Brown, Steven Erickson, Katharine Hutchinson, Richard Kirkby, Belinda Jones.

2. Apologies: Simon Peyton-Jones

3. Conflicts of interest: None were declared

4. Minutes of the last meeting:

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising:

- Richard Kirkby suggested we look again at the e-safety policy, once we have agreed key issues such as mobile 1 to 1 devices.
- Lloyd Brown confirmed that the "Dealing with unpleasantness" policy will be subsumed within the revised behaviour policy, ready for September 2012.
- Year 7 survey: Parents' perceptions of school behaviour to be tested as part of the survey.

Action: Lloyd Brown/Mark

Patterson

- Students opening the MIDYIS letters to parents: this issue to be discussed and resolved by next September, when the new MIDYIS results will go out to the new Year 7s. The issue to be discussed by T&L Governors at the first meeting of the summer term and parents' views on this will be sought.

Action: Rolf

Purvis

6. Future use of Technology to enhance learning at Chesterton:

Mark introduced the notion of 1 to 1 devices at Chesterton. Richard Kirkby described some uses the iPad could be put to, both by teachers and students. A discussion on mobile 1 to 1 devices followed, including how they might be funded. The Teaching and Learning Governors were enthusiastic. A final decision will be made by Full Governors at the meeting on 1st May 2012.

7. Curriculum:

Rolf shared a document with Governors showing how current Year 9s have opted this year.

8. School day for 2012:

Mark Patterson updated Governors on where we have got to with the school day for 2012

9. Policies:

The Homework policy was discussed:

- Query about whether the policy could give guidance on teachers allowing a "reasonable" amount of time to complete homework. Lloyd Brown to consider.
- Lloyd Brown to consider whether students should be expected to complete homework if they are absent.
- Lloyd Brown to consider adding a section saying that parents can ask for homework to be deferred.

All policies circulated previously (except e-safety policy which has been deferred) were approved by the Governors.

Attendance Policy and Procedures
Behaviour Policy
Collective Worship and RE Policy
Homework Policy (subject to the queries raised in section 9)
School Dress Code
Grouping Students Policy

10. A.O.B:

Steve Erickson is to send a new draft Trips Policy and a draft Trips Charging Policy to T&L Governors virtually, for their consideration, looking to ratification by all Governors at the Full Governing Body meeting on 1st May

11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2012