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Community Schools Alliance Trust – Meeting of the Trustees

**Non-confidential minutes of Board of Trustees meeting
on Monday 17th May 2021, 5pm, via video conference call**

In the Chair:	Liz Tyler Bell
Present:	Ann Childs, Jonathan Dawson (Head of the Finance and Resources Committee), Bridget Durning, Linda Earnshaw (until item 5a), Pat O'Shea (Chair of the Education Performance and Achievement Committee), Ian Thompson
In attendance:	Maurice East (Chair of Bayards Hill LGB), Ben Hegedus (Head of HR & Compliance), Bryony McCraw (Head of Barton Park School) (until item 6), Gareth Griffiths (Headteacher of Bayards Hill School) (until item 6), Richard Stamper (Chair of Cheney LGB), Laura Waller (Head of Finance), Judith Geddes (Clerk)
Apologies:	Mary Clarkson

	Minutes
	This meeting was held by video conference call following government advice due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
1.	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted for Mary Clarkson. The meeting was quorate. Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest received for any items on the agenda.
2.	Non-confidential minutes of the meeting on 22nd March 2021 Trustees reviewed and approved the non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2021.
3.	Update on non-confidential action points from the previous meeting of 22nd March 2021 All outstanding non-confidential action points from the previous meeting of 22nd March 2021 had been completed.
4.	Vision for Barton Park School The Head of School at Barton Park highlighted the following key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The school is using White Rose in Maths and Floppy phonics.- The school has introduced a Learning challenge curriculum which is an enquiry based curriculum which empowers the pupils.- Have signed up to Science Oxford and next year a teacher will lead on science linked to the personal development of the pupils.- Looking to introduce French as an MFL. The Chair asked why, given that both schools have very similar cohorts, White Rose has been introduced for Maths at Barton Park but Power Maths is being used at Bayards Hill? The Head of School at Barton Park replied that Power maths does not have the flexibility for mixed age classes.



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	<p>The Headteacher at Bayards Hill School agreed that each school needs to make its own decision based on its pupils and the capabilities of its staff.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there was anything that Trustees can do to support Barton Park School around the curriculum or more broadly? The Head of School at Barton Park said that she would welcome any expertise in the topics the school was covering and once Covid-19 restrictions are eased it would be good for Trustees to visit the school and get involved in schemes such as Big Science to help raise their profile with the pupils.</p> <p>The Trustees agreed that teaching science at primary school is very challenging and that an enquiry based curriculum is a very good way forward.</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Head of School at Barton Park for her report.</p>
5.	Update on the Primary School's intake numbers These are minuted separately under confidential minutes. LE left the meeting at 5.42pm.
5a.	Update on nursery provision These are minuted separately under confidential minutes.
6.	Management Information Systems for schools The Head of HR advised that RLT is currently considering whether to stay with Arbor or move to Bromcom and realistically CSAT should wait until RLT has made its decision. The Trustees agreed to await RLT's decision in June 2021 before deciding on which management information system CSAT should go with.
7.	Appointment of Health and Safety Trustee The Head of HR advised that as responsibility for Health and Safety issues rests with the Trust it would be prudent to appoint a Health and Safety Trustee. The time commitment would be one or two meetings a year. Following the meeting, Bridget Durning volunteered to take on this role.
8.	Confidential items These are minuted separately.
11.	Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st July 2021, 5pm The meeting ended at 6.21pm.