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## Little Paxton School Governing Body

### **Presentation on PE in Little Paxton Primary School Monday 27th February 2017 at 6.45pm**

#### **Present:**

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Ellen Barratt   | Parent Governor        | Gemma Manning        | Parent Governor |
| Penny Conway    | Authority Governor     | Oliver Poulain       | Parent Governor |
| Neil Donoghue   | Co-opted Governor      | Natasha Stott        | Staff Governor  |
| Rebekah Jenkins | Associate Member/Staff | Paul Warmington      | Parent Governor |
| David Jones     | Parent Governor        | <b>In attendance</b> |                 |
| Mike Kendall    | Co-opted Governor      | Alison Gatward       | Clerk           |
| Tracey Locke    | Co-opted Governor      |                      |                 |

NS gave an informative presentation on PE in school which is circulated with these minutes. Governors thanked NS for the presentation and asked the following questions:

**QU:** You have explained about the opportunities to take part in competitions. What about children who train outside of school, is there any opportunity for them to represent the school in competitions in their activity? Last year a list was compiled of clubs that children do outside of school. This is something NS is keen to investigate further. She has only been in this role since September and would like to see what opportunities there are to do this.

**QU:** What is the provision for the children who are much less able? As with other subjects, within the lesson adjustments are made for the children who find it too easy and for those who are finding it difficult. It is imperative that all the children are supported in order for them to achieve. Fitness is a life skill. There is not a noticeable issue in the school at this time with children lacking fitness. **QU:** Do you discuss PE with parents during parents evening? If something has been observed during PE then it is raised with the parents. This may include discussion regarding attitude to exercise. Lower down the school it is easier to address. It is generally at the top end of the school where fitness problems are identified.

Every child should get 2 high quality hours of PE each week. NS raised the concern that after the extension is completed there will still only be one school hall and fitting all the classes through for PE lessons may be more challenging. Parents evening questionnaire included comments about PE being “dropped”. In December the space is limited due to the stage being up for the play. There will be a studio hall as part of the extension which could be used for rehearsing to avoid PE lessons being missed. The school field and playground are other options weather permitting. Outside PE lessons tends to be mainly in the summer. It is not feasible to take the younger ones outside when it is too cold for them to be able to function. **QU:** Sometimes the children comment that it doesn’t take much for them not to go out - slight drizzle or a bit cold. **QU:** If the children are to go out in inclement weather then

the PE kits will need to be sent home. Should there be an expectation for the PE kit to go home each week and be returned on Monday morning, so it becomes routine? This is a challenge, often the PE kit goes home and then don't come back. Teachers to work with the children to send kit home if it needs to be washed. Parents need to be on board in supporting with this. Governors want to encourage outside exercise and ensure that there no barriers to this.

**QU:** PE related CPD (Continual Professional Development) activities, are these targeted or do teachers request courses? The forthcoming gymnastics staff meeting is targeted as it is in response to a request from teachers. Performance management should be identifying training requirements - in the same way as they do for other subjects. The resources are available, there is space and so the staff need to be skilled to deliver high quality PE. There have already been improvements in the PE provision over the last few years.

**QU:** Do you have all the equipment and provision you require? New Netball posts have been included in the budget but won't be purchased until the building work has finished. New wooden hockey sticks have been bought. Staff need to be reminded what equipment is available. NS is planning to carry out an audit in a couple of weeks to see what else could be required. Governors asked to see this list so that they can assess whether any additional funds can be allocated to PE if a specific need is identified.