St Oswald's Catholic Primary School Governing Body FULL GOVERNORS BUDGET RATIFICATION MEETING

Held via Zoom Date/Time: 24/05/23 4:30pm

Present: T Hegarty, M. Walsh, G. Manley, R. Hill, C. Kirk, C. Flood

Also present D Hay, I Strom (Clerking)

No.	Item	Action by: (insert initials)
1.	Apologies for Absence J. Simm	
2.	Declarations of Interests	
	Members of staff declared their interest.	
3.	Notification of Additional Business	
	None requested	
4.	Mrs Walsh explained the budget that was proposed by the Resources Committee on 18 th May 2023. She explained that a number of options were put to the Resources Committee and following their discussions, Mrs McBrien and Miss Gentle were approached regarding acting up positions. Mrs McBrien agreed that she would act up to the Deputy Head role for 5 days per week. Miss Gentle agreed that she would act up into the assistant Heads role for 0.9 fte. This would be the equivalent of taking 1 day off each fortnight. She would also continue with her Phase Leader role for EYFS meaning that the TLR for EYFS Leader would be saved for the temporary period. Governors expressed concern over the potential of future pay awards not being fully funded. The most recent proposal by the Independent Pay Review for teachers was 6.5% with no explanation of funding, there has been no announcement from government if this recommendation would be accepted. There has been an	

offer to support staff of a one off payment of £1950 per year fte. Again, there is little clarity over funding of any award.

Governors asked if there was any indication of SEN requirements in the new academic year. Mrs Walsh confirmed that although there would be a couple of funded children transferring to high school, we were anticipating up to 4 new starters to join who would require support.

Governors also expressed concern at the current rate of inflation and how this would impact on the services and supplies our budget could afford.

Governors agreed that the budget presented would enable the school to start to move towards balancing the budget in as realistic way as possible.

The governors commented that the budget would need careful monitoring on each individual line to ensure that allocations weren't being exceeded and that the target to bring the budget back in to line was on track.

Mis Hay confirmed that she would arrange regular meetings with Mr Strom to monitor the budget.

The budget was approved unanimously.

Signed......Committee Chair

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