

**TETHERDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING
Held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 26th March 2019**

LA Governors (1) *Philippa Connor 16.05.21	Staff Governor (1) *Richard Evans 13.05.20	Parent Governors (4) *Gary Robson 21.09.20 (Chair) *Stephanie Camilleri 14.12.21 *Louise Burt 26.06.22 *Mariana Ortiz-Joffre 26.06.22
Co-opted Governors (4) *Jane Garrard 30.06.19 *Carl Spitzer 21.09.20 ^Andrew Underwood 14.11.21 1 x vacancy	HeadTeacher (1) *Tony Woodward Also Present *Helen Holloway (Snr Governance Officer) * Akemi Schubart – Associate Member	Associate Members ^Annie Ashraf (AHT) 25.09.19 *Marie Barber (SBM) 25.09.19 ^Keren Darmon 26.06.22 (V/Chair)
*denotes governor present ^denotes apologies noted		

PART 1

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received and noted from KD, DU and AA. The meeting was quorate.

2. IT STRATEGY OF PRESENTATION

Akemi Schubart – Associate Member gave a presentation on the school's IT Strategy.

2.1 There is a need for renewal of the IT platform as the current school's hardware has been installed since 2008 and is reaching its end of life. One of the biggest challenges facing the decision making process for a new IT infrastructure has been about the server and the data storage. Several vendors were considered initially and then narrowed down to two final contenders, Microsoft and Google. More detailed research has been carried out for these two vendors.

2.2 Considerations were given to looking at packages offered, contract arrangements, support, training, data storage and transfer of existing data, and compatibility with the school's existing school internet provider (Learning Grid For Learning (LGFL)). In conclusion it has been determined the school will go with Microsoft which is a logical choice as the school's administration systems currently run Microsoft Office applications (Word; Excel; PowerPoint). It was reported historic emails are also supported by Microsoft so data will not be lost during the migration to a new system.

2.3 The benefits of choosing Microsoft as a platform is the school has a cost saving as no server is required. Noted the approximate cost of a new server would be £15k, and the ongoing maintenance contract is currently £7k per annum. The maintenance support may well diminish once all data is converted to cloud storage. It was reported many schools are now migrating to Microsoft cloud based storage and Microsoft is offering free virtual support to schools.

