Themes raised by parents at a meeting with the IEB on 10th July 2024.

There were approximately 30 parents present. On arrival they were given a schedule of questions from parents summarised by the school and the response to these questions from the Local Authority.
IEB members, Charlotte Stubbs, Colin Millett, Catherine Griffiths and Justine Baker introduced themselves .(Alex French was unable to attend due to a prior commitment). each IEB Each IEB member then joined a group of parents.

Key themes raised:

- Reassurance around skill and impartiality of the IEB
- IEB members confirm that they have no conflict of interest regarding the school's senior leadership team.
- The parents sought clarification on the experience and expertise of IEB members.
- Parents / carers sought clarification around the circumstances which led to the removal of the Governing Body.
- Some parents sought reassurance that the IEB would learn the lessons from the previous Governors.
- Concerns from parents about staff turnover and the impact this has on the learning experience for children.
- Acknowledgement that not all parents/carers were able to attend this meeting. It was also noted that those present did not represent the diversity of the school community
- Reduction in opportunities for parents to take part in events at the school. Some of which have been cancelled at short notice.
- Poor communication with parents and difficulty in getting responses from admin staff.

Next steps:

- School to publish IEB profiles and 'link' governors on website
- Pecuniary interests of IEB to be posted to the school website
- IEB to ensure that themes raised above are included in the Strategic priorities
- IEB needs to seek past and current data to understand various aspects of the school's performance.
- IEB will consider an analysis of staff turnover and summary of exit interviews.
- Future IEB meetings with parent/carers to be held early evening as well as in the morning to ensure a wide diversity of input.
- IEB to ensure that school commit to improvements in home/school communication.
- Clarification from the school on parent forum / PTA and the lines of responsibility.

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