



East Midlands Academy Trust Finance, HR and Estates committee  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 10.00am. Meeting to be conducted virtually.  
Fourth meeting of academic year 2020/2021



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7. COVID19 Update
- Schools reopening – Risk Assessments.
  - Catch-up funding

*PW gave a verbal update and answered questions from trustees.*

PW reported that all schools had successfully reopened, and all RA assessments had been updated prior to the opening. Testing procedures had been added to the secondary RA documents. There was a common agreement amongst staff that, albeit students coping very well with remote learning, this return should be focused on nurturing emotional wellbeing.

In response to a question from a trustee regarding whether there were any guidelines around testing times PW confirmed that PWS and NIA were following the recommended government guidelines of testing twice a week those students that had consented to take the test.

Catch-up funding was being regularly monitored and there were plans in place across all schools to take it through the year. PWS had already started deploying theirs, itemizing all interventions and costing them against their funding. S&P committee would be looking at the impact of those interventions. Trustees requested for the information to be also reported to the FHRE committee.

Trustees discussed at length the letter received from the teachers' union NASUWT, regarding the re-opening of schools. PW explained that the trust has sought legal advice and the RPA had confirmed, based in the evidence provided, if a claim was to be brought to any school it would provide indemnity. Correspondence from the insurer had been shared with trustees.

There were no plans to lengthen the school term into the summer holidays, particularly in secondary schools, as they would have extensive building work taking place during the summer.

Trustees thanked PW for his report.





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trust, particularly the Astroturf at PWS. This would start from 29<sup>th</sup> March. Wheelchair rugby was keen to use the NIA again and this was already part of the community uptake.

In response to a question from a trustee regarding why SHEPS had only one SLT member and whether this could pose a risk PW explained that SHEPS was a small infant school with only three year groups, their main capacity being 180 children. The majority of children moved to Orchard which was a two-form entry. Although SHEPS only had one SLT member (HT), this was not considered a risk as they ha





