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Present: Alan Brady (Chair), Sue Bradley, John Clay, Phil Dover, Graham Schuhmacher,

In attendance: Victoria Cornwell-Lyon, Kate Cox, Aaron Denton, April Hayhurst, Helen Jefferson, Melanie Lanser, Kate Martin, Heather Simcox  
Rose Matthews (Clerk)

	Action	Date
<b>12/20-21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies were received from Mandie Stravino.		
<b>13/20-21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND QUORUM</b>  All members were eligible and the meeting was quorate. There were no new declarations.		
<b>14/20-21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2020</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December were formally approved and signed as a true and accurate record.		
<b>15/20-21 MATTERS ARISING</b>		
05/20-21 The Committee Terms of Reference had been updated to reference adult re-skilling and had been approved by the Corporation.		
08/20-21 The Curriculum and Quality Risk Register would be presented at the next meeting in March at which point the risk ratings after mitigation will be have been reviewed again.		
<b>16/20-21 DRAFT SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT (SAR)</b>  The Director of Quality and Compliance presented a report summarising the Group Self-Assessment Report for 2019-20.  The judgements from the Ofsted Inspection of 2019 were shared and the key strengths outlined to support the statement that <i>DCG continues to be a 'Good' college with outstanding features.</i>  Each of the graded areas were discussed and the headline data, key areas of strength, and areas for development under each of the four main headings summarised. (The details of which were contained within the presentation).		

Overall Effectiveness – 2  
Quality of Education – 2  
Behaviour and Attitudes – 2  
Personal Development – 2  
Leadership and Management – 2  
Education Programmes for Young People – 2  
Adult Learning Programmes – 2  
Apprenticeships – 2  
Provision for Students with High Needs - 1

Following on, the areas of focus for the 2020-21 Quality Improvement Plan were presented, along with the key priorities for 2020-21

Members questioned the information presenting to them and discussed in detail with the Leadership Team present.

**RECOMMENDED: The Standards Committee recommended the Group SAR for approval at the Corporation meeting to be held on 25 January 2021.**

The Operations Manager at Little Explorers Nursery delivered the Little Explorers Nursery Self-Assessment Report, which was assessed against the Ofsted Early Years' Framework.

Overall effectiveness remained at Grade 1(outstanding), which was the grade awarded at the last Ofsted Inspection. Further details were contained in the presentation.

However, the Nursery had identified some priorities for improvement and these were discussed with Members.

**RECOMMENDED: The Standards Committee recommended the Little Explorers Nursery Self-Assessment Report for approval at the Corporation meeting to be held on 25 January 2021.**

#### **17/20-21 EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Equality and Diversity Annual Report was presented by the Head of Behaviour for Learning.

Key headline figures were shared and discussed with Members with full details contained within the Annual Report, covering the employee and student population.

**APPROVED: The Committee approved the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report for 2019-20.**

#### **18/20-21 EDUCATION AND STANDARDS COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Committee Chair questioned the impact of the third lockdown.

The Deputy Chief Executive responded to say the Nursery and the College had adapted well. The majority of teachers had embraced remote learning and the College had remained open. Learner Support had adapted quickly to providing virtual counselling and the Careers Team had supported those school leavers who missed out on guidance from schools. Their work also involved wider engagement with external agencies particularly in relation to vulnerable learners.

The Behaviour for Learning team continued to support students both in College and those working remotely. The situation had driven some of the developments for the year.

The Head of Behaviour for Learning said the team had also coached parents as well as students and positive feedback had been received. Parents had been thankful to speak with a member of the team to provide support.

Sue Bradley, the Safeguarding Link Governor explained the pressures placed on the team from the challenges faced had been discussed at the safeguarding link meetings and the team had moved quickly to support online.

The Director of Teaching, Learning and Academic Research said it was important to note that some students struggle to learn remotely. She said whilst the team monitor those on practical and technical courses, education will have been impacted.

It was noted teachers continued to be observed.

The Deputy Chief Executive said that all the three main sites had remained open with the exception of Ilkeston. Student numbers on site had been low with minimum staff on site.

Those on site had started the lateral flow testing at the Roundhouse and were considering starting with students this week in line with the government guidance of rolling out on mass.

The Committee Chair asked about the impact of the cancelling of the summer exams.

The Vice Principal explained GCSEs would be standardised but the problem was keeping the students motivated.

She explained the Head of the JWC had met with 300 students and parents who were concerned.

Vocational qualifications were more complex with some continuing exams which had good attendance. The majority of students came in for the exams (282). They had prepared and wanted to take them. Even though some colleges had cancelled.

The license to practice courses were a little more complex in terms of delivery.

The Committee Chair went on to question if the Group were planning on taking part in the Ofqual consultation.

The Vice Principal said the Group were planning on engaging in the consultation. She explained the College sits in a group that already feeds into Ofqual.

A further update would be provided at the next meeting in March.

*The meeting finished at 6.05 pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_