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Minutes 720 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 17th June 2015 at 09.00hrs.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Hon. Cyril George	Member
	Mrs Shirley Wahler	Director
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
	Mrs Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools
	Ms Vivienne Ward	Early Years Advisor for Item 20.3
	Miss Santana Fowler	Secretary
Apologies:	Hon. Pamela Ward Pearce	Member

OPEN AGENDA

20.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson gave a warm welcome to all present at the meeting and a special welcome was given to the Secretary.

Apologies were received from Hon. Pamela Ward-Pearce.

20.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 719

UPDATE ON LEARNING MENTOR ROLE – MISS ABIGAIL KIRK

The Director has followed up the summary of the students' survey but has not yet received it. The Director will meet with the PAS Headteacher to discuss an update on the Learning Mentor Role. The Director reported that a discussion had been held internally regarding the possibility of using a standardised survey called Pupils' Attitudes to School & Self (PASS) going forward. This assessment will be reviewed by school leaders but any final decision will depend on the cost.

ACTION: Director

20.3 REPORT FROM EARLY YEARS ADVISOR, MS VIVIENNE WARD – REPORT ATTACHED

The Committee noted the report.

Ms Ward informed the Committee that the funding for the Forest Schools project will end in October 2016, and teaching staff will need to be more involved if we are

to continue to provide Forest Schools. The lease of the Blue Hill School by the National Trust for the operation of the Forest Schools project was queried. Ms Ward informed all that there have been a number of discussions, but nothing has been finalised. Ms Ward reported to the Committee that Mrs Benjamin, Assistant Director Schools, will take up Ms Ward's place on the Steering Committee for Forest Schools.

Ms Ward informed the Committee that an Early Years Coordinator role has been proposed to the Senior Management Team for consideration and one staff member had expressed interest in undertaking this role, but will need real training for credibility

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ward for attending the meeting and commended her and the Early Years Team on their achievements. The Chairperson also wished Ms Ward well in her future endeavours.

20.4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th July 2015 commencing at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 12.45 hrs.



Confirmed:

Date: 13 July 2015

Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean