



Parent Council Minutes

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Date	9.6.21
Attendees	KM, KG, NF, EG, LG
Apologies	KJ, AB, MB

Agenda	Minutes	Actions
1. Welcome and thank you	EG thanked everyone for giving up their time to attend the meeting.	
2. Minutes from the last meeting	EG went through actions from the last meeting to confirm steps that had been taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent council website page shared through newsletter communication, including how to raise an issue for the council to discuss - Workshop date provisionally booked for September to explain the Relationships Policy and Reward Systems to parents/carers - Home learning has changed to being more paper based and is no longer set on Teams 	
3. Changes made by the school during covid-19 pandemic which might be worth keeping during the new academic year	<p>All agreed that the one way system (using a combination of the single walk way and double gates on the playground) enable parent/carers to drop off/collect effectively.</p> <p>We discussed whether this could be reversed (ie. parents/carers come onto the school site using the walk way and leave it via the double gates).</p> <p>EG explained that the direction had been chosen to avoid a wide opening that leads straight onto the road as this could be dangerous for younger children. Members of the council felt that this was not a significant risk as leaving the site via the single gateway can cause issues as young children falling can stop the flow of movement)</p> <p>Wearing PE kit to school rather than changing for PE during the school day:</p> <p>All agreed there are a number of positives for continuing this –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children have responded well to the routine - There is less lost property (both at home and at school) - Some children can feel self-conscious when asked to change into PE kit at school so wearing it to school addresses this - PE kits can be washed more regularly - The children have more time doing PE as they are not using up any time by getting changed <p>We discussed a few points against –</p>	<p>EG to complete risk assessment and finalise direction of one way system before sharing with school community via the newsletter</p> <p>EG to ensure parents/carers are informed about final decision regarding uniform before the end of this term via the newsletter</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children who move between two households during the week can find it difficult to manage two different uniforms due to logistics - Reception children especially learn key skills by changing independently at school (e.g. securing their own buttons) <p>That said, we agreed that the teacher could ensure that this practise is incorporated into classroom and home learning through other means</p> <p>We discussed a query about the school ties as it was reported that the clip can leave a mark and also often falls off. EG explained that the school moved away from elastic ties and full ties due to health and safety reasons.</p> <p>We discussed the fact that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform as outlined in the school policy. Staff respond to this by sending home reminder slips and EG follows up with individual families if needed. The school also provide uniform vouchers for children eligible for free school meals. All agreed that the school should follow up incidences where children are not wearing school uniform. This is because they felt children get a lot from the sense of belonging and community when wearing school uniform.</p>	
<p>4. Communication</p>	<p>EG enquired whether communication between home and school was effective as we have previously agreed this issue should be on the agenda of every Parent Council meeting due to the potential barriers caused by the covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Some parents/carers felt that whilst they always got a response from the school office, this was not always the case with teachers. That said, emails were generally acknowledged. All agreed that a face to face discussion or phonecall was preferable over an email though we accept that restrictions have not always allowed this.</p>	<p>EG to take this feedback back to staff</p>
<p>5. Parent/carer workshops for next academic year</p>	<p>EG shared that restrictions have prevented parent/carer workshops from taking place as we have had to adhere to restrictions which prevented people coming onto the school site. In the autumn term, school staff are keen to plan some workshops and information meetings for parents/carers.</p> <p>We discussed various possible formats and agreed that the preferred option is one where parents/carers are spoken to by the teacher about a particular subject before then going into the classroom to work alongside their child on that subject.</p>	



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	<p>The following are ideas for workshops which council members felt would be useful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phonics - Reading - Writing - Maths (in particular the maths strategies used by the school) <p>All agreed they like an opportunity to meet the class teacher in the first few weeks of term and find that information meeting useful.</p> <p>It was also suggested that maybe mothers' and fathers' day sessions could be added where parents/carers take part in themed crafts with their child. Alternatively, the school could encourage children to bring in some money to buy a present of their choice. Presents would be provided by the school.</p>	<p>EG to book up dates for information meetings and parent/carers workshops and share at the beginning of the autumn term.</p> <p>EG to share suggestion with PTFA as this could provide an opportunity to raise funds for the school</p>
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p>Sports Day arrangements were queried and EG confirmed that dates for class sports days are in the newsletter but we have to wait until government announcements on 21st June before making a final decision about whether parents/carers can attend.</p> <p>Leavers' Service dates were also queried and EG confirmed that the date for the service is in the newsletter. The service will definitely take place and we hope to be able to invite parents/carers. This might require the service to take place outdoors or could be virtual.</p>	<p>EG to share any updates on these events through the weekly newsletter</p>
<p>4. Ideas for discussion at next meeting</p>	<p>Review implementation of My Maths and consider whether a reward system could help motivate children in this subject area.</p> <p>Discuss the topic of diversity and inclusion, and how the school and home can work together to develop skills in these areas.</p>	<p>EG to add these items to a future agenda of a Parent Council meeting</p>

Next meeting date: 6th October 2021 at 9.30am



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