



Minutes: Parent Council

Date:	Friday 15 th March 2024	Start Time	9am
Location:	Buglawton Primary School	End Time	10am

In Attendance

Staff	Alison Kennerley	Y
Other staff	Lauren Bell	Y
Preschool	Rowan McLeod	Y
Reception	Lauren Frost	N
Year 1	Sarah Dale	Y
Year 2	Sarah Harris	Y
Year 3	Amy Jervis	Y
Year 4	Rose Sudnik	Y
Year 5		N
Year 6		N

Raised by	Agenda Item & Discussion	Action	Lead
AK	Welcome Introductions & apologies Parent Partnership Vision		
AK	Terms of Reference The Parent Council Terms of Reference were reviewed and agreed.		
SH	Parking Around School/Crossing Discussion on parking outside school and the crossing situation on Buxton Road. These issues are outside of the school's control, but AK has been engaging with PCSOs and the council on this. The council are still trying to recruit a crossing patrol person but having difficulty finding any applicants.	AK to continue to engage with PCSOs and council, and to continue to share messages with parents around the importance of safe parking around school.	AK

SH	<p>Notice of Trips & Events Some parents have fed back that not enough notice of trips and events is given currently for parents to book time off work and to spread the cost of trips across the year.</p>	<p>Staff are already working hard to ensure information is shared with plenty of notice at the start of each academic year and term and at 'Meet the Teacher' events. There is a clear plan of educational visits and residentials each year which will be shared at the beginning of each academic year. There should be no surprises.</p>	AK
AJ	<p>Break and Lunch Times Discussion around the equipment outside at break and lunch times, and health & fitness initiatives such as the 'Daily Mile'. Some playground equipment has recently been removed due to improper use, but this is gradually being reintroduced.</p>	<p>'Daily mile' challenge to be reinstated now that the weather is starting to get better.</p> <p>Children and staff to be briefed on the safe and appropriate use of playground equipment. Children will be asked what type of play equipment they would like for outside to improve the offer.</p> <p>School to continue to work with PTA to raise funds towards new play equipment – for example static climbing frames or renovations of the trim trail.</p> <p>School to request donations of preloved equipment such as prams and cozy coupe cars.</p> <p>Information to be shared more often with parents around what is happening outside, why equipment has been taken away etc.</p>	AK/ RM?
SH	<p>Extra-Curricular Clubs Exploration of options around extra-curricular clubs to better suit the interests/needs of pupils and teacher availability (i.e. avoiding the need to cancel due to staff training). Some parents have fed back that not enough notice is given when clubs are cancelled, and that there are not enough clubs for their child's year group.</p>	<p>Staff to trial a mixture of running clubs at lunch times and at after school club to better suit the needs of individual pupils and staff availability. Mr Monkman will still run a sports club after school each day.</p> <p>AK to investigate the option of clubs run by other providers i.e. language lessons, which would be chargeable to parents. Although there is currently a wide variety of free-of-charge clubs on offer each term, which are run by staff in their own time, this option would increase the offering further.</p> <p>Although cancellations due to weather cannot be avoided, the school acknowledges that cancellations due to staff training could be better planned and communicated.</p>	AK/ AR?
SH	<p>After School Club Discussion on the current challenges facing the After School Club, particularly regarding problems recruiting staff and the effect this has on the scheduled activity programme.</p>	<p>AK to share link to job advertisement on Facebook and newsletter so parents can share with their networks.</p> <p>AK to continue to work with council to see what support the school can get as part of the government's National Wraparound Childcare Programme.</p>	AK

SD	<p>Snacks Discussion and feedback around the snack policy that was implemented last term.</p>	<p>The snack policy was introduced in line with Ofsted’s recommendations for all primary schools to avoid snacks (except nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat) and confectionary, chocolate or chocolate-coated products. There is acknowledgement from the school that the current messaging around snacks is confusing and contradictory in places. A letter will be issued to parents ahead of next term with a new approach to snack which focus more on what children should not be bringing.</p> <p>Any problems with snacks brought into school will be managed directly with parents and not with children directly.</p>	AK / RM
AK	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on 10th May 2024 at 9am.</p>		