



Parent Council Minutes

Date of Meeting: Friday 25th October 2024

Clerk: Liz Johnson

Attendance

Name	Class	Present/Apologies
Anne-Marie Maguire	Fox	Present
Hamdiyo Hassan	Badger	Present
Helen Evans	Ladybird	Present
Holly Rigby	Owl	Present
Jennifer Gilmore	Squirrel	Present
Katie Flute	Butterflies	Apologies
Kiely Leonard	Hedgehog	Apologies
Liz Johnson	FLO	Present
Natalie Alvey-Lang	Caterpillar	Apologies
Paul Miller	Owl	Present
Rachel Fallon	Deer	Present
Rasheed Speede	Woodpecker	Apologies
Robert Addison	Squirrel	Apologies
Sangieetha Dunna	Frog	Apologies
Sarah Field	Squirrel	Apologies
Shirely-Anne Gilmore	Rabbit	Present

Issues discussed;

LJ apologised for the last-minute change of date, leading to a number of apologies.

1. Matters Arising

Minutes of last meeting agreed as correct.

Parent/carer involvement policy agreed.

LJ shared the top tips for new starters on our website, following on from last years discussion around Life Skills for little ones.

Terms of reference exercise delayed till next session.

2. Main Discussion Item – Arrival at school.

Discussions took place about how children arrive at school. The Council was split into 2 groups, those whose children arrive on transport and those who bring their children to school.

The main points are as follows:

Transport

Good feedback

- PA's and Drivers try their best
- PA/Driver communication good e.g. if running late.
- Some parents felt teachers would pass messages through the PA at the end of the day, LJ to check this, any communication about incidents during school should be direct from teachers to parents.
- Parents found transport helpful, especially where there were multiple children to drop off at schools.

Improvements needed:

- There was a view that transport can be cancelled last minute, at times unavoidable, at times not.
- Parents felt there was no communication if the driver or PA was different and this can be disruptive for the children.

Ideas:

- Can the LA let drivers know in advance of any road closures?
- Could there be an app for communication for the LA, drivers, PA's and parents?
- The parents satisfaction depended on the drivers and PA and this varied.
- Can parents be informed if a PA is leaving in advance, not on the day so they can prepare their children.

- Camera's on the vehicles?

When asked if the bus arrives at roughly the same time each day the response was

2 – same time

1 mostly the same time

1 different time each day

1 stopped their child on transport as it was different times each day and was very stressful.

Parents who bring their child to school

Good:

- Staff there to greet child, noticing who needs to come in first
- Good for communication and relaying messages
- Good to have flexibility for timing for individual situations

Needs improvement

- Very limited parking, only 4 disabled spaces
- Many have to park on the road, which is busy with cars and buses
- There can be blockages on the roads, especially when the transport buses leave
- Drivers vaping on the drive
- Drivers wanting to go in convoy and not letting cars in

Ideas:

- Can the grass verge be utilised for parking?
- Can the wooded area at the end of our car park be utilised for parking?
- Do wellacre and Acre hall have disabled spaces not being used, can we use them?
- Priority waiting area in the playground for children who struggle to wait or parents who have to go to work or appointments etc

3. Your Views

No items raised.

Decisions and recommendations made:

- LJ to discuss ideas above with Sally Judge and agree ways forward.
- Future topics - review of outdoor areas

Date of next meeting: Friday 13th December 2024

Topic – School Nursing Service

