



Parent Voice Wednesday 5th May 2021 9.30-10.15am via Zoom

Attendees:

TM (Assistant Head Teacher), AH (Pastoral Leader), Parents – NMi, RD, GE & NMa.

Apologies: GJ (Head Teacher)

The meeting was opened by AH. Meetings to be held on zoom due to current coronavirus restrictions.

1. Minutes from last meeting to be agreed:

Minutes of the previous meeting on 10th March 2021 were agreed (these had been emailed together with the zoom details and today's Agenda to parents prior to the meeting). All minutes of previous meetings are held on the school website along with all meetings dates until the end of the academic year.

2. Actions from previous meeting:

Apologies these were not reviewed at the meeting but are as follows:

- (a) GJ will ensure the Newsletter explains what assessments are being carried out and why – completed.
- (b) GJ/TM to add 'end points' onto the website for each year group – completed.
- (c) All future events to be reconsidered re flexibility for parents and staff - ongoing
- (d) GJ to speak to staff member re being visible - completed
- (e) TM is going to email Calculation Policy to parents who attended this meeting - completed

3. SRE Workshops

Generally well received by all. RD felt it was good to have these for parents to attend virtually. GE said it was positive to hear what was going to be discussed in school so parents were aware and prepared for questions/conversations with their children. GE wanted to know when the topics would be discussed in advance. (A) TM to ensure that medium term plans are emailed to parents in advance with dates when the topics are going to be discussed so parents know what their children are learning in school and when.

4. Transition Plans

TM explained that there will be a transition afternoon on 5th July (Meet The Teacher). Parents will be invited into school to say goodbye to their child's current teacher and also

meet their new teacher. This will likely been straight after school at 3pm. (B) TM to confirm exact timings and all parents to be informed in advance. TM explained that the Uniform people will also be there as well as Caterlink serving school dinners. Parents will also be able to collect their child's school reports from their teacher that afternoon to encourage as many parents to attend the event as possible. NMa asked for Apex to be present to explain about school clubs as well as the Music teacher. RD also suggested a Parent Volunteer signup sheet. (C) TM to arrange Apex and Music teacher presence on Transition day. (D) AH to arrange Parent Volunteer Signup sheet. School will be sending out a letter to parents in advance re plans for this day.

- **5. General school business**

AH spoke about what the school were considering keeping going forward e.g one way system, staggered drop off and collection, wearing PE kit on PE days etc. All parents agreed that drop off and collections was much less stressful now with staggered start and collection times and wanted this kept from September. They also liked the One Way system although parents would not use it correctly unless TM or GJ were on the gates each morning/afternoon. Parents suggested more signage to encourage parents to use the One Way system – GE suggested the children made the signs. (E) TM to speak with GJ re signage for September. Could Y6 make the signs in their last couple of weeks of term as part of their Community days?

Uniform – RD suggested a second hand uniform swap – TM will add this to the Transition Day on 5th July – Uniform Swap Shop! (F) AH to send a letter to all parents asking them to donate unwanted uniform to be sorted into ages etc ready for 5th July. Could parents taking clothing be asked for a small donation? RD said this is eco-friendly as well as making good financial sense.

Break /Lunch timings – The school wanted lunchtimes and breaks times to remain staggered as there were less behaviour incidents and children also appeared to prefer these staggered timings. Parents also wanted to allow children the option to have packed lunch in classrooms because several children found the lunch hall caused anxiety. (G) TM to look into staffing lunchtimes so children can remain in their classes to eat lunch if they wish.

PE – parents liked the idea of children continuing coming into school wearing their PE kit on PE days. Discussion around the affordability of school uniform and PE kit. TM said GJ was looking at a school branded zippy or hoodie for PE days as children tended to wear the correct t-shirt but then different coloured zip up tops/hoodies over the top.

AH spoke about a stricter uniform policy from September. NMa suggested checking what ASDA are selling school uniform wise so we know what is available for those wanting to purchase non-school branded items. Also that children can wear a PE t-shirt the colour of their house but not necessarily the branded version. RD felt that children wearing PE kit to school also reduced anxiety for children over privacy and getting changed in front of their peers in class. Parents felt that a stricter uniform policy was a good idea – black shoes or trainers. (H) TM/GJ to look at uniform policy and send out a letter to parents for September about the expectations. Parents felt if there was a regular Uniform Swap Shop this would encourage parents to stick to the policy. AH also spoke about a grant from ASDA to support

parents to buy school uniform as well as PPG money for those children who received this funding.

- **6. AOB:**

Parents asked about the Y6 leavers' hoodies and why they were £4 delivery to each home address. TM checked with the office and explained it was cheaper for parents to order them themselves and pay the delivery. However, next year we would consider them all being delivered to Beechfield rather than individual home addresses if this was more cost effective. Hoodies should all be arriving this week and the Y6 children are then able to wear them in school.

- **7. Current Actions:**

- (A) TM to ensure that medium term SRE plans are emailed to parents in advance with dates when the topics are going to be discussed so parents know what their children are learning in school and when.
- (B) TM to confirm exact timings of Meet the Teacher day on 5th July and all parents to be informed in advance.
- (C) TM to arrange Apex and Music teacher to be present on 5th July.
- (D) AH to arrange Parent Volunteer Signup sheet to be available in school on 5th July. School will be sending out a letter to parents in advance re plans for this day.
- (E) TM to speak with GJ re signage for September for the One Way system. Could Y6 make the signs in their last couple of weeks of term as part of their Community Fridays?
- (F) AH to send a letter to all parents asking them to donate unwanted uniform to be sorted into ages etc ready for 5th July. Could parents taking clothing be asked for a small donation?
- (G) TM to look into staffing lunchtimes from September so children can remain in their classes to eat lunch if they wish.
- (H) TM/GJ to look at uniform policy and send out a letter to parents for September about the expectations.