



Parent Council – Agenda

Date: 17th September 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Teams Online

Apologies: M McAllister J Broadley L Lumsden

Present: A McIntosh (HT), K Griffiths (Chair), K Mendham (Vice Chair) ,L McDonald ,E White ,R McAllister , P Tracy , D Nicol , N Simpson, K McEwan , S Morris , A Lunan , J Bach ,Councillor Low

Minutes: L Armour (Secretary)

Item	Decision/Discussion	Discussion/Action
1	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by K Griffiths .House keeping while online discussed.



2	Head Teacher Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to all PC members. Apologies for issues with setting up of corporate Teams.• Lovely experience today – all outside to see the NHS spitfire in the sunshine.• It has been fantastic to re-open the school for children and staff. I must recognise the hard work and commitment of staff.• School recovery – risk assessments and procedures in place; reviewed regularly via GLOW forms and in response to government updates• FM – two full time day cleaners in school in addition to cleaning before and after school• Stringent risk assessments in place; reviewed and updated regularly• Currently working on procedures for different scenarios – class collapse and lockdown• 2 members of staff responding to requests for home learning for children who are isolating• EDC digital learning strategy – expectations/professional learning for staff on using assignments and class notebook functions in Teams; Megan Jones has audited staff training needs and began to lead twilight sessions.• Deployment of staff – question .A McIntosh explained due to new ways of working via NQT days and non contact days , staff have to cover teaching time and breaks.
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3	Safer Routes to Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Angus Avenue- Crossing Patrollers- Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)	<p>Noted by several parents about the situation at Angus Avenue. Often there is no crossing patrol or the assigned person is late due to early school start time.</p> <p>Councillor Moir was due to ask for signage caused by traffic speeding.</p> <p>Councillor Low will ask for physical barriers and a signal crossing. Getting a signal crossing may take time.</p> <p>Councillor Low explained that enforcement is often difficult to maintain. The police have been called if cars are causing an obstruction or a danger. Community wardens have limited powers.</p> <p>The current restrictions on Kirriemuir Road and Ochil Avenue are temporary.</p>
4	Outdoor Learning/Play	<p>A McIntosh explained due to new ways of working there is an impact on teaching time. The teaching staff need to feel valued. Some children have not been wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activity. Also advice is changing regularly and this may affect P.E.</p> <p>Children must comply with restrictions at playtime for now.</p> <p>Play to learn question -</p> <p>Play to learn has now been moved nearer to the admin block. There are restrictions due to current regulations however there is additional investment and plans to extend into primary 3. Currently 3-4 classes are rotating.</p>
5	Home Learning/Digital Learning	<p>Concerns were raised around lack of differentiation and that the tone should reflect what is being taught in classrooms. In addition book bugs is time consuming particularly if parents have more than one child. A McIntosh was aware it is important to maintain a balance.</p> <p>A McIntosh explained that integrated learning would be on teams after the October week.</p>
6	School Lunches Feedback	<p>Noted by parents waste from school lunches. However due to current guidelines there can be no reusing of unopened items. School lunches are currently being reviewed with a view to hot lunches.</p>



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7	AOCB	<p>Suggestion from the parents of more use of twitter for updates on school life.</p> <p>Should parents wear face masks at the school gate ? Suggestion of one parent per child at the school gate.</p> <p>Soft start is not available at present due to lack of staff and that primary 7 monitors cannot be used.</p> <p>Laptops _ question .Some families given paper copies.Laptops and iPads requested and decisions awaited.This is done via the pupil equity fund and presented via business case .Some technology is not compatible with school online teaching.</p> <p>K Mendham gave an update on the short life working group which is examining the reporting to parents and carers.The report is expected soon.</p>
8	Date of Next Meeting	22/10/2020 AT 630PM.