

Friars Primary School

Parent Council Minutes

Meeting Date: 9th February 2021 – 1:00pm

Present at meeting:

Parent/Carer	Year groups represented:
Frances Woodman	Year 5
Jules Fayle-Parr	Year 2
Clare Davis	Year 1 and Year 3
Rob Davis	Year 1 and Year 3
Wendy Hall	Year 4
Amy Short	Year 5 and Year 3
Claire Duncombe	Year 6
Also present	
Chris McClay	Principal
Scott Roche	Vice Principal

Items to consider	Action
Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received 	
Update from the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM/SR opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all attendees The school feel that the autumn term plans worked well and the reopening was largely successful, after several necessary tweaks CM explained that main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Parent Council's experiences of the remote learning offer during the current lockdown. 	
Feedback received from parents on remote learning during lockdown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some very positive feedback was received with live lessons being seen as a definite benefit as the children enjoy seeing their teachers. It was felt that we are offering a lot more in comparison to some other schools and parents liked the mix of live and recorded sessions. Parents commented that the children are engaging well in most lessons and felt that the PE challenges in particular have been really engaging and a big success. The lockdown library was felt to be a great idea. Thanks were extended to Caroline Monk for setting this up. Overall, parents felt that the offer this time was better than the first lockdown Parents felt that the balance between doing the work but also making children feel loved, safe and secure is important. Parents and children like the celebration assembly in particular the shout outs! Thanks were extended from all parents to all of the staff. 	SLT will pass on positive comments to staff at briefing.

<p>Points for consideration</p> <p>Parents offered valuable feedback to the school which was as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If children are being given a treat i.e. snow day... can it be given to all year groups as difficult if you have siblings still expected to work?. • Some year groups load on all the work for the day, others load work at the allocated time. Could all recorded sessions be put on at the beginning of the day to allow parents to work through at their own time and work around the use of laptops, their own work etc? • The children have loved any 'live practice' sessions such as Year 6 live cookery lesson today. Can there be more of this please as it is good for engagement, leads into other things such as cooking at home and breaks up the week? • Can only the current week's work be left on Seesaw as after missing a few sessions one parent commented that they had 93 activities to complete which is understandably daunting? SR explained that staff are supposed to archive work longer than a week old as we wanted to avoid this very thing happening. However, on reflection, even a week previous could prove to be too much for pupils to be expected to catch up. • Can spellings from previous weeks still be made available so can see them and catch up if miss sessions? • Parents like the idea of an attendance raffle for 3 pieces of work per week and asked if 'virtual fantasicos' could also be awarded as certificates are limited to just 2 children per week. • Could teachers give any important reminders to children during live lessons for example to collect library packs as many don't receive school ping? 	<p>Staff will be asked during next briefing to consider the impact of any 'different' activities they intend to try and run any ideas past Chris or Scott before doing</p> <p>Staff will be asked to do this where possible.</p> <p>This will be mentioned to staff at the next briefing.</p> <p>The school will discuss this in the next briefing with a view to reduce this further, ensuring the children only see work for the current week.</p> <p>School will work out how best to load these onto the website to make them available rather than keep them on Seesaw due to storage limits.</p> <p>School will look into the best way of doing this and ask staff for their ideas.</p> <p>Teachers will be asked to do this in their live sessions.</p>
<p>Going Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM explained the current position and that we don't know how schools will be expected to return • Next meeting will focus on our reopening plans once confirmation received from government on how we are to return • Date of next meeting to be confirmed once we know the return date 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent raised a query about Nursery April intake and needing to know if has place as notice is required at other nursery. • Can links for future meetings be sent on Seesaw as easier to access than School Ping if using different devices. School advised would be some confidentiality concerns with doing that as very public forum but can email. 	<p>SLT will speak to Sarah Glen Nursery Manager to feedback directly re admissions</p> <p>School to ensure that links to future meetings sent via School Ping and email.</p>