

Friars Primary School & Nursery

Part of the Portico Academy Trust

School Council Minutes



Meeting – Tuesday 16 th January 2024	
Representing	Membership
Friars Leadership Team	Mr. McClay - Principal
Friars Leadership Team	Mrs. Halls – Vice Principal
Friars Leadership Team	Ms. Taylor-Brown – Senior Leader
3B	Harvey and Ralph
3KA	Jonathan and Tommy
4D	Alex and Emily
4S	Thea and Vinnie
5A	Chazo and Lyric
5BW	Bradley and Eva
6B	Olly and Tilly
6L	Gracie and Taylor

Apologies for absence

Mrs. Halls and Ms. Taylor-Brown were both busy in meetings.

Pupil Survey

We discussed the results of the pupil survey. Councillors were reminded that they agreed the questions back in the previous meeting – adding new questions to the original questions that were asked back in 2019.

Each question was explored in turn. Councillors were pleased to see that the scores were high – very high for some questions. A comparison was drawn with results from 2019. Scores had stayed very similar. Pleasingly, a higher percentage of pupils would recommend the school – up from 92% to 97%. For the question about what children could do if they had a problem – the highest response was to talk to a teacher. A large number of answers had scores well above 4. These included 'I feel safe', 'I feel happy' and 'Grown-ups look after me'.

We did discuss that although very few children gave scores of 1, this does need further investigation. If a few children feel unhappy or feel unsafe we need to understand why this might be. One councillor shared her thought that perhaps people scoring 1s might not have been taking the survey seriously. However, Mr. McClay said that we should presume the results are genuine.

Action: In the next meeting, the School Council will be joined by 2024's Wellbeing Forum. We will discuss learning from the survey and what we need to do to make further positive change in the school.

Friars PE Tracksuit Top

Pictured below:



The possible tracksuit top was shown to the Council. It was explained that if we did move forward with the idea, the school logo would be added to the top. The School Council were unanimous in liking the top and thought it would be a good addition to our uniform – allowing children to wear the top inside on PE days. A suggestion was to add the logo or writing to the back of the top.

Action: Mr. McClay will take the top to Parent Council to take their feedback. Mr. McClay will ask Mrs. Goodwin to contact the uniform supplier about a logo/writing on the back and whether or not that would increase the price.