



Overton Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Date / Time	3 November 2022
Chair	J Mitchell (Chair of Governors)
Present	F Wyeth (HT), I Hatt (C2&5), J Wills (C4), S Shepherd (C3), K Llewellyn (C14&8)
Apologies	K Phillips (C3)
Minutes	M Nicholls (Business Manager)

Item	Agenda Minutes	Action
Welcome	Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and thanks were given to all for giving their time up to serve on Parent Council. As it was the first meeting, there was no printed agenda.	
Parent Council Code of Conduct	<p>These were issued and explained and everyone was asked for any comments and to sign and return by next meeting.</p> <p>It was explained that items can be put on the agenda, which were year group / school wide specific rather than issues affecting individuals.</p>	ALL
Parent Survey	<p>FW summarised the results of a Parent Survey ahead of a fuller response by the Governors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication 2. Feeling of disengagement from school and their child's learning <p>What has already been implemented:</p> <p>Checking dates on the website New Whole School Half termly Newsletter has been resurrected. This would include more celebratory items and a rolling programme of key deadlines and whole dates.</p> <p>FW explained that as a school we were beginning to open up again to parents from a number of events like Harvest breakfast, to see books ahead of parent consultative, OSA events such as Fireworks and Fete. Class assemblies are also set to return in the new year.</p> <p>A question was asked about families in year 1 and 2 that joined the school through Covid being able to tour the school. FW to look for a possible date and time for this to happen.</p> <p>A question was asked if parent consultatives were remaining online. FW explained that was the intention at the moment although the idea of a blended approach was being looked at by the Leadership Team. However with them being more focussed and attendance rates being higher there are</p>	FW

benefits of remaining online. As a school we also have to be mindful that there is a work time directive in place for teachers which is at it's maximum capacity. A discussion was had about the fact that some had failed to connect. MN explained that 12 out of 14 classes worked fine and that our IT company had extensively checked the system and nothing was found in school that could explain a problem. Bandwidth also was checked and at no where near capacity. More testing will take place prior to the next consultative.

To come:
Project / Museum Work to be viewed
Whole School Events i.e. Arts Week
Nativity
Carol Concert
Easter Service
Potentially some Learning Presentations – i.e Maths Evening etc.

The Impact of Covid is still affecting school.
We want to get back to a balanced design of events and opportunities across a child whole school journey. The Newsletter will help parents to see this journey and there is a definite role for Parent Council members to help explain this to the parents represented.

Parents Council members can ask the classes they represent what they would like to see.

A parent highlighted that the website is unreadable on a phone. FW replied that it shouldn't be but that is not the first time we had seen that. The School is currently working with a new provider on its website and more details will follow.

A discussion also took place about the active and mental wellbeing side of children in school. Parents would like to hear more about how the outside grounds and woodlands being used. FW explained they were used for all sorts of things and this was noted. The Newsletter would help with this kind of information sharing too.

As part of this discussion it was acknowledged that parental WhatsApp groups need to ensure facts are accurate. If in doubt promote asking school directly.

It would be good to ascertain what outdoor activities children like doing at school.

A discussion took place about allergy children not be able to access snacks at break time. The school explained this was a HC3S policy and that we had questioned it numerous times in the past. A parent was going to contact HC3S to investigate the reasoning behind this.

D.O.N.M.

8th December 2022 – 2.15PM