



**Parent Council Meeting  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

What I Heard	Next Steps
<p><b><u>Nursery/Reception and Sixth Form Admissions</u></b></p> <p>Parents continue to be happy to support the school in communicating that places are available in nursery and reception both now and for September 2019 and in Sixth Form for September 2019.</p> <p>However, parents are concerned about how recent KS2 progress data headlines on the DFE website and more needs to be done by leaders to present the strengths of the primary school in particular.</p> <p>Parents recommending making sure the banners on the fencing outside of the school accurately reflected that we are currently recruiting in these key stages.</p>	<p>I have reattached the publicity materials and I continue to be grateful for your efforts in spreading the word, particularly on social media. What I would encourage all parents to recognise is that there are many more strengths in the primary schools than simply the headline figures around progress between KS1 and KS2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics is 98% (top 5% in country)</li> <li>• Attainment is at/above national average at KS2</li> <li>• The changes made to the primary school in the last eighteen months are leading to steady improvement</li> <li>• Specialist teaching in upper key stage two is making sure that pupils are making a very successful start to secondary school where progress in KS3 is far above average in almost every subject</li> </ul> <p>Leaders are also going to make sure increasingly tailored information around EYFS is available on the website and we are going to review the external banners outside of the school.</p> <p>The next open events are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 9am for Nursery and Reception</li> <li>▪ Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 5pm for Sixth Form</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>Changes to entrances and exits/increased security</u></b></p> <p>Parents recognised and supported the need for the changes and understood the urgency with which the changes were made. There is a shared understanding of some of the inconveniences that have arisen for some families, but these are starting to be addressed.</p> <p>There was a lot of appreciation for the system of gathering siblings from across infants and juniors.</p> <p>We recognised the need to consider particular weekly events that require parent access to the site such as coffee mornings, parent council meetings 😊, event preparation etc... and will begin planning to get these right.</p>	<p>We will make sure to communicate the opportunity to have siblings gathered together at pick-up time more frequently to make sure every parent is aware.</p> <p>In the run-up to making changes around the Bell Street gate for secondary pupils, we will communicate frequently with parents to make sure that everyone understands what will be different and when.</p> <p>As part of planning for the future of the parent council (see below), we will consider the access that parent council members have to the school site a key times.</p>
<p><b><u>SEN</u></b></p> <p>Parents raised a concern around the awareness of all staff about the individual needs of specific pupils and the role that Individual Education Plans play in ensuring effective information sharing.</p> <p>We also discussed wanting to formalise a more regular parent support/discussion group around SEN and how best to build on the recent coffee morning.</p> <p>Parents shared that they were pleased that the outreach work with the ASD specialist from QE2 had begun and that parents were involved in her work.</p>	<p>The Coffee Morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November will have a SEN focus and we will use that as an opportunity to discuss the role of IEPs in information sharing, providing advice and guidance to parents about how best to work with the local authority and most importantly, how best to organise an ongoing SEN parent community. We're going to take the opportunity to have some members of the parent council take part in both communicating the coffee morning to parents and planning its agenda.</p>

<p><b><u>Toilet Behaviour in Key Stage Two</u></b></p> <p>Concerns around a range of misbehaviours in KS2 boys toilets and a lack of cleanliness were raised by parents</p>	<p>We're going to run some sessions with KS2 boys either assembly style or classroom based about appropriate toilet behaviours.</p>
<p><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>Parents acknowledged that the school has made a decision that there is not the capacity at the current time to invest time in the running of an ABRSM curriculum. There could though be interest in the school providing spaces for ABRSM tuition and being an exam centre.</p> <p>We also confirmed that the Winter Concert will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and parents asked that whole year groups be able to perform, rather than a select few in each year group.</p>	<p>We're going to write a full and detailed letter to all parents to outline the full extent of the extra-curricular offer in music and how parents and pupils can opt into it. This letter will be sent in advance of the holidays in December.</p> <p>I am going to work on the schedule and content of the content with the music department and make sure that parent feedback around pupil participation is included.</p>
<p><b><u>School Photographs</u></b></p> <p>There was some confusion around dates, for clarity they are definitely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Primary Class Photos: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>▪ Whole-school Individual and Sibling photos: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</li> </ul> <p>Parents generally agreed that whole-class photos were not necessary to be introduced in secondary, however</p>	<p>We're going to make sure there is further communication around requesting sibling photos so that all parents are aware that they must request them.</p> <p>Guy and Beth are going to make sure there is a plan in place to make sure that pupils are not in PE kit for their photos.</p>

<p>there was a helpful discussion around how to mark the end of the YR11.</p> <p>There was a concern around PE days clashing with photo days.</p>	
<p><b>Future Parent Council Structure</b></p> <p>What was intended to be a brief agenda item announcing that I was going to begin a process of writing a proposal to share at the next meeting turned into a detailed and helpful discussion.</p>	<p>I will draft a proposal as promised, sharing initially with governors and then with the full parent council at our next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice-chair of Governors (Ron Bellor and Jen Moses) are also hoping to be present at that meeting and that might necessitate a change of date and time, and I will communicate that as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>Expansion and Merger Update</b></p> <p>We discussed that there will be an information event on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, hosted by Mr Haimendorf. The session will be repeated to maximise the number of parents that are able to attend. The first session will begin at 8.45am in the primary hall (replacing coffee morning) and the second session at 3.15pm in the main hall. It is at this meeting where announcements will be made about the leadership of both sites, the timings of the school day, the curriculum and the uniform.</p>	