

Parent Council Meeting Minutes 10.06.21

- **Attendees:** Mr Ashley Jones, Mrs Platt, Laura Stevens, Lynsey Conacher, May Banbury, Fritha Hassell
 - **Apologies:** Chris Hidson, Jessica Chaffe
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- **Parent Council Members**

- We discussed the need to recruit more members for the Parent Council as LC will be leaving and, along with absences due to work commitments, it would be beneficial to have more members on board.
- The parent community are communicating their ideas and concerns through the PC email address which MAJ will share with the Executive Headteacher and Governors.
- The PC meeting minutes will also be published on the schools website for parents to view who may then wish to comment or contribute towards subjects raised or points they would like to be discussed

- **Affordable Uniform**

- We discussed the new legislation that has been put in place regarding all schools providing affordable uniform. Schools are to be given guidelines in July.
- MAJ explained that the school Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Allen, has a stock of good quality uniform which has been donated by families.
- Families in need are supplied with items free of charge and on Fridays between 1-1.30pm pre-loved uniform would be available for a donation of £1
- The school also welcomes donations of uniform which can be left at the outside office table in the mornings—it was agreed that coats, shoes, trainers and PE kits should be included along with JLPS uniform.
- This will be communicated in this weeks news letter.
- The question was also raised as to whether children might be able to wear polo shirts instead of shirts but MAJ explained that smart uniform is part of the school ethos and will be re-iterated in September at the start of the new school year

- **Early Friday Finish Time**

- Both the PC and SLT have received emails and comments from parents regarding their concerns over the 1pm finish every Friday.
- These issues will be taken to the board of governors meeting in July but were discussed at length in todays meeting
- It was agreed that a specific letter addressing the 1pm Friday finish would be sent out to parents from the school which covered the following points;
 - How the adjusted school time continues to cover the 32.5 hours teaching time as stipulated in the DFE guidance
 - How teaching time has been made up
 - The current cleaning arrangements following on from the original deep clean that was put in place during stricter COVID rules
 - How teachers benefit from the non-contact time to allow for PPA

- Parents will be reminded that childcare is available to all children (not just key workers children) until 3.15 when after school club commences
 - JLPS is comparative to a secondary school, several of which close one afternoon per week for teachers to plan
- **Parent/Teacher Meetings & Reports of Achievement**
 - The school have informed parents that appointments may be made with the teaching staff via TEAMS.
 - Reports of Achievement will be available for collection at staggered times and parents/carers will be informed of the logistics of this, nearer the time.
- **Dogs at the School Gates**
 - There have been several comments from parents about dogs at the school gates upsetting children, some of whom may be scared of dogs
 - It was agreed that dogs at the gates will not be discouraged providing they are well behaved and supervised
- **Secondary School Visits**
 - After hearing that the Whitstable School has chosed to cancel its taster days for Year 6 leavers who will be going there in September it was agreed that JLPS will get in touch to try and arrange some other type of taster visit/morning in order to ensure a positive transition to secondary school