



## Agenda with Minutes Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council

**Meeting Date:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Time:** 09.30am – 10.30am

**Venue:** Hamstel Infant School, Microsoft Teams

### Members of the group:

Name	Child's Name	Class Year group	Present/ Absent
DM Debbie Morris	Hamstel Infants	Deputy Headteacher	Absent
LS Laurie Soane	Hamstel infants	Meeting Clerk	Apologies
KA Kerry Andrews	Hamstel Infants	Meeting clerk	Present
1. (MW) Melba Whipps	[REDACTED]	Y2 Badger	Absent
2. (KL) Karis loads	[REDACTED]	YR Kingfisher/ Y2 Otter	Absent
3. (SJ) Sadie Judd	[REDACTED]	Y1 Heron	Apologies
4. (JA) Joanne Anastasiou	[REDACTED]	Y1 Duck	Apologies
5. (PC) Paul Challen	[REDACTED]	YR Owl / Y2 Hedgehog	Absent
6. (HG) Hannah Goodliff	[REDACTED]	Nursery	Present
7. (NKD) Nina Kirby - Duboux	[REDACTED]	Y2 Hedgehog	Absent
8. (MA) Mathula Aravindan	[REDACTED]	Y1 Heron	Absent
9. (LCar) Lisa Carter	[REDACTED]	Nursery & Y2 Squirrel	Present
10. (JM) Jo Mayo	[REDACTED]	Y1 Frog	Absent

### Agenda

Item	Focus –
1.	<p>Agenda item from parent councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After school clubs There are currently 3 after school clubs taking place and these are by invitation only, these clubs are Reading Gladiators &amp; 2 x Athletics. Athletics was a club that was started because of the virtual meetings that can take place and this was mainly for Cross Country. The reason behind not having more afterschool clubs was to eliminate the crossing of class bubbles, however, we have started to trial the mixing of class bubbles with the reinstatement of RWI as this is in year mixing and this is going well, along with this at lunch time the classes within the same year are able to now mix, albeit with caution as if there was to be any outbreak we would resort back to class bubbles and not year group bubbles. As more restrictions are eased we hope that we would then be able to offer more Afterschool clubs.</li> <li>How well the children are adapting to being back at school This half term school life should be more normal, we will continually monitor data and information provided to us, and to see how children are coping with the changes etc... at present there is no school in the county that will be running as they previously have been. We are at present assessing the children to see what levels they are at and we are anticipating that we are working a term behind where we should be and we are securely moving forward. Children have picked things up very quickly since being back at school after lockdown and have adapted really well regardless of the remote learning over lockdown.</li> </ul> <p>Children that seem to be behind, we are plugging the gaps and offering assistance the best that we can as a school but we are trying to move forward.</p>

For parents who had children starting Nursery, it has been relayed that they have settled in really well despite there being a delay, Nursery were fantastic with providing continuity throughout lockdown with resources for parents to access so that children did not miss out on everything, and since the children have now been able to start nursery they have settle back wonderfully. Parents overall are really happy with the Nursery and feel that they are doing a great job and parents are really impressed with the changes that have been made.

- **Transition for Y2 in the light of the impact of lockdown on their learning**  
Headteacher is happy with how things are moving and progressing forward and is having meetings with the Junior School to discuss possible class meetings of new teachers etc....  
There is an idea of a playground transition day for all year groups to meet new teachers or possible morning on the field this is all weather dependent. In relation to year 2 going over to the juniors to see their classrooms we could possibly do this in smaller groups rather than the whole class going over, this is all an ongoing review and as and when a decision has been reached we can then relay back to parents, however, there will be something in place so that year 2 will have something familiar when they transition.

LCar – mentioned that she is happy with what the school have implemented to bring the children up to the levels they should be at.

Hannah – Is also pleased with the school and mentions that we have thought about the children’s emotional needs and that she is proud of the way the children have handled all of this change and going forward would just like as much information about transition so that she has all the questions and answers to provide for her child.

Both – mention how fantastic the school has adapted to the ‘new normal’ and it has been handled well. DM advised that these comments will be passed to Lisa Clark (head teacher)

#### Agenda from parents

- **Concern—crossing users not Walking when they have scooter or bike**  
There has been concerns raised about the increased use of scooters on the crossing and how can this be discouraged? DM advised that we can liaise with HJS and ask if they can send reminders, as can we to deter this as it is becoming quite dangerous at times.

It was mentioned about the scheme that Westleigh School have been doing currently to ease the congestion of people outside the school and to keep the school safe. There is a barrier that is put up in the road and monitors who allow residents to come down the road during school times, agreed this was a good idea but it wouldn’t be something that we would be able to adopt here due to Hamstel School being a main road.

- **Celebration from survey**
  - child settled back really well
  - what the school has done and put in place over the lockdown and return is amazing
- **Comment from survey**  
It has been requested that the teachers provide direct emails for parents to contact as parents find it hard to speak with the teachers currently. We advised that if parents do contact the school office the emails are passed on to the relevant parties very swiftly and this method we have found seems to work well. Explained that there are 3 office staff so the emails are always picked up. Parents have advised that the office staff do an amazing job, KA advised she would pass on.
- **Concern from survey**  
Two members of staff were seen smoking outside Poynings at 7.45am before school, not a great example being set, it is too close to the school and that this isn’t a good imagine for children who attend the school to see DM to raise concerns and address the issue.

#### 2. Agenda items from school

- Zoom meetings parent feedback

	<p>Parents have been finding these much better than face to face meetings as some of the meetings can be held during the day etc.... and it is easier for working parents to have these chats whilst on breaks, also while children are at school. Some parents couldn't log on to the zoom calls, therefore I confirmed that in these instances we provide the class teacher with the telephone number and chats were held over the phone instead, this ensured that everyone had a chance to chat to their class teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DM asked if parent knew of any of the reasons that parents were not able to join the zoom meetings – nursery parents were not included, LCar from a Y2 perspective was able to join fine</li> <li>WhatsApp and Facebook group enquiries</li> <li>It has been discussed previously that as a school these groups are not promoted from school as it is something that parents set up, however it has been advised that some parents feel that they are missing out on things that could be happening within the class, especially for parents that who are not able to come to school as they have to work and they do not get to see other parents where information can be shared, even more so at a time where they are not able to stand and chat on school runs currently, the resolution to this that maybe parents in these group could mention to other parents so that all parties who would like to join can, but again this isn't something the school would advertise and promote. If parents let the class teacher know they are interested in joining the class facebook group/whatsapp group the Teacher could direct the parents to the right person</li> <li>New Parents Councillor recruits so far, New recruits from survey in Peacock and Ladybird There have been three parents interested in joining the parent council, DM to arrange for packs to be sent to parents that have expressed an interest. To add to promotion HG suggested it would be a good idea if we could put the names of each class representatives back on the class door so that if parents have a concern that wishes to be raised they knew who to go to.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-way system queries There has been talk that a few parents are not liking the one-way system anymore, especially the Ponying's Avenue entrance as it gets so busy, there sharing of entrances causes far too many people, and there are some parents that feel uncomfortable with being that close to other people. Year 2 have their own entrance/exit so it works perfectly around this area.</li> </ul> <p>LCar/HG feel most parents are happy with the school drop off timing and feel the staggered start works so much better than set times, as they feel if you have multiple children to drop off it becomes very hard with set times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children Social distancing in school Parents were wondering how children deal with the social distancing at school to which DM advised it is made fun and the introduction of games works well with the children being able to remember to social distance.</li> <li>Lines of communication with the school – any ideas for improvement LCar - Happy with the lines of communications that are available between the school and parent council and that 365 is a great format to use at the school. Newsletter has regular reminders about Parent Council and that parents should continue to check this for updates.</li> <li>Celebration – HT/DHT presence on the school gates Parents like seeing the Headteacher/Deputy on the school entrances each morning, it perks the children up on coming to school and really enjoy it that they know their names, it brings a nice feeling to the school and this is something that would be nice to continue.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book next meeting June 2021</li> <li>Next meeting will be held in June and final meeting in July to bid farewell to year 2 councillors and to look at possible ways for new recruits for the new academic year 2021/22</li> </ul>

- DM Meeting ended 10.30am

Parent Council Meeting - Parent Views 30.04.2021

ID	Parent /Carer Full Name	Child's Name.	Child's Class	Please enter your comment for the Parent Council meeting agenda	Are you interested in finding out more about being a Parent Councillor for my child's class?	Do you use any of the following platforms to group chat with other Parents and Carers in your child's class? Choose which options apply	Would you like some information on how to join the class WhatsApp or Facebook group Choose which options apply.
1	R. Briddock		Peacock	<p><b>Celebration</b> Aimee loves the school and her teachers and is doing so well with both the academic side as well as the social side. I wanted to take the chance to thank all staff that have been involved in making school a lovely place and doing a fantastic job with all the covid restrictions in place</p>	Yes	Both	I'm on both already but it wasn't an option to click both
2	H. Koka		Ladybird	<p><b>Celebration</b> Jack's settlement back to school.</p>		Email	Yes - for WhatsApp
3	L Daws		Hedgehog	<p><b>Concern</b> I am extremely concerned at the level of children that are allowed to use their bikes and scooters across the road whilst crossing. I have been clipped several times and worried for those who have disabilities like myself might get hurt. Our lovely lollipop gentleman who is sadly no longer with us was very HOT on this and always stipulated people walked. Thank you</p>			Yes - for WhatsApp
4	A. Munson		Ladybird	<p><b>Comment - suggestion</b> Hi just a suggestion and thought on how it would be so much easier if each year group had there own email address so we could contact teachers direct. I've noticed it takes a long time at pick up/drop offs sometimes due to conversations at the door as I feel contacting the office is quite a lengthy process that not everyone might feel comfortable doing as it's not direct.</p>	Yes	Facebook;	Yes - for WhatsApp;
5	K. Sullivan		Woodpecker	<p><b>Concern</b> Last week there were two members of staff (not necessarily teachers) smoking outside the Poynings Avenue entrance at 7.45am. I appreciate that there are not many children going into school at this time but there are a few who attend breakfast club and saw this. Please can this be addressed as it does not set a good example for the children.</p>		Facebook;	

