

Agenda with Minutes

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council

Meeting Date: Thursday 3rd February 2022 **Time:** 9.30am - 10.04am

Venue: Hamstel Infant School and Nursery - Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Members of the group:

Name	Child's Name	Class Year group	Present/ Absent
(AE) Andrea Esp	Hamstel Infants	Assistant Head Teacher	Attended
(KA) Kerry Andrews	Hamstel infants	Meeting Clerk	Attended
1. (LCar) Lisa Carter		YN FT Nursery	Attended
2. (KM) Kate McCrae		YR Owl	Apologies
3. (LW) Lorraine Walter		YR Owl	Attended
4. (KR) Kerri Riley		YR Owl	
5. (KL) Karis loads		Y1 Duck/ YR Woodpecker	
6. (SH) Samantha Hutton		Y1 Dragonfly	Attended
7. (LB) Leah Bailey		Y1 Frog	Attended
8. (SO) Sarah Ollington		Y1 Frog	
9. (PC) Paul Challen		Y1 Heron	
10. (SJ) Sadie Judd		Y2 Badger/ YN PT Nursery	
11. (JA) Joanna Anastasiou		Y2 Hedgehog / YN PT Nursery	Attended
12. (JM) Jo Mayo		Y2 Fox	
13. (RM) Reka Musan		Y1 Duck/ Y1 Woodpecker	
14. (JL) Jennifer Lewin		YR Peacock/ YR Woodpecker/Y1 Duck	
15. (SA) Sarah Anderson		Y2 Squirrel	
16. (SP) Sunil Pradhan		Y1 Newt	
17. (EL) Erika Lynne		YR Woodpecker	
18. (LD) Louise Dabson		YR Kingfisher	
19. (SG) Sonia Gilbert		YR Peacock	

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1.	<p>Website – Parents have advised that they do not feel that our website is user friendly, having to search for things on the website, would like to see any important dates and information in the style of a banner on the website. This has also been discussed about the Newsletter, parents would like to see important dates at the start of the newsletter rather than having to scroll to the bottom. AE confirmed that we understand the requirements of what parents would like to see and the comments shall be relayed back to Portico and Head Teacher.</p> <p>Staffing – Parents would like to be informed of changes made to a year group, there is some unsettlement with pupils and parents in other classes not being made aware of changes that are happening with staffing. AE explained the requirement to make such changes at short notices is due to Covid and we cannot always relay information back to all parties, but we shall feed the comments to the Head Teacher and can appreciate the unsettlement and confusion that this causes the children.</p> <p>Nursery – There has been some concerns due to the number of changes that has been made in Nursery recently, this has caused unsettlement with the children. AE advised</p>
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	<p>that changes have been required to be made due to the new Nursery intake and apologised for the unsettlement.</p> <p>Newsletter – Newsletter for last week has just been received today, a parent councillor wondered why this has been delayed as she confirmed that a lot of parents rely on receiving this each week for relevant information, to which it has been raised that could notices be put in the class windows as they have done in previous terms, as not all parents view the Newsletter and other parents take screen shots and add them into the parents WhatsApp groups. AE There have been technical difficulties with this being issued this week, apologised for the lateness, and understand that parents require this information, and advised that comments will be passed on to the class teachers as this is a good idea for information to be relayed to parents via the outside of classrooms.</p> <p>Water Bottles – Would it be possible for children to bring in their own water bottles, for parents to see how much their child is drinking? AE advised that each child in class has their own cup that they can get a drink from throughout the day, also they have a drink with their lunch. Bottles are not permitted into school to avoid mix ups with the same bottles that children bring in and it avoids cross contamination during these Covid times.</p> <p>Packed Lunch/School Dinners – Can we bring packed lunch for our children? Children do not always like what is on offer for school lunches, if packed lunch cannot be brought in can sandwiches be made and offered? AE advised that we offer FSM to all pupils and packed lunch is only brought in by some children who have a medical condition, questions about packed lunches and the possibility of sandwiches will be passed to Head Teacher</p> <p>Picking of school lunch – How is this relayed to the children of what is on offer each day and could there be pictures instead? AE advised that each day when pupils come into class, the teacher confirms with the pupils what food is on offer today and assists with them for their choice, but we can appreciate that some pupils may just pick a choice due to the colour.</p> <p>Seesaw – Parents would like to see more information up loaded onto this platform to see what their children have been learning in school as the children do not relay much information back to parents. AE advised that as children go up a year the requirement to use these platforms to inform parents of what the children have been up to decreases as the years go on, Seesaw was the main platform when we were doing remote learning and a communication between parent & teachers, and as we are now back to full time education on site there is not a need to use this facility as much.</p> <p>All Councillors – Gate/Poynings Avenue/drop off – All parents are wondering when barriers will be taken down, along with stop/go along Poyinings being stopped? AE confirmed that these queries would be taken to Head Teacher for discussion.</p>	
2.	<p>AE reminded councillors of the upcoming inset day on 11th February and asked for this to be relayed to other parents. Also advised of the 2 Johns presentation that is upcoming about internet safety for children and AE asked for Councillors to spread the word to other parents.</p>	
3.	<p>Any other business – School trips will these be resumed? Will parent evening be resumed? AE confirmed these questions shall be raised and with any new information this will be relayed via Parent Pay.</p>	
4.	<p>Summary of Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting shall be arranged when DM returns to school • Meeting ended at 10.04am 	