

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

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Hamstel Infant School and Nursery

Name	Class	Present
(VT) Vicki Tracy	Chair – Vice Principal	/
(SR) Scott Roche	Principal	
Josie Barnes	Seahorse	/
	Starfish	
Matthew Driscoll	Owl	/
Hannah Halliday		
Lousie Holbrough	Woodpecker	/
Nathalie Gale	Kingfisher	/
Josie Barnes		/
Sarah Cook	Peacock	/
	Dragonfly	
Emily Makombe	Duck	/
	Heron	
	Newt	
	Otter	
Lousie Holbrough	Fox	/
Ronnie Fisher		
Hannah Halliday	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	

<b>Apologies:</b> Hannah Halliday	
<b>Actions from last meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share minutes with staff and SLT</li> <li>Raise any actions or concerns with relevant staff.</li> </ul>	
<b>AGENDA</b>	
1) Review some of the points raised from parents last time.	Go back over some of the AOB raised by parents and add any feedback, clarification.
2) Healthy Eating Messages	<p>We want to raise the profile around Healthy Eating, and share some facts with parents on a regular basis. Newsletter or separate notifications or any other suggestions?</p> <p><b>Ideas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board with display at the front of school</li> <li>Separate notifications, not in the newsletter – e-mails, Facebook groups</li> <li>Posters in windows – but not too much so it doesn't get lost</li> <li>Windows where the children line up to go in (offices)</li> <li>Notice outside Nursery, notice board along the face for Year 2</li> <li>Leaflets could the children make?</li> </ul>
3) Wildlife Garden Update	<p>We have started the process of getting timber and pallets to start the first phase of the project which is to build the workshop and shelving. We are also in the process of purchasing seating to create a seating area as well as some of the new tools for gardening, the den building area and workshop.</p> <p>We will keep parents updated in the newsletter and take photos to share as the project progresses over time, as there is lots to do and will take time.</p> <p>We will have an Outdoor Learning session in the summer where we will invite parents in to join us.</p> <p><b>Feedback:</b>  Colour Run was amazing, it was very well organized, the children were brilliant, the medals were amazing and the children loved having their medals. It was brilliant being able to have the QR codes and links to send to other families and be able to branch out to extended family or friends that live a distance away.  Are we going to do any more sponsorship fundraising? – Absolutely we are thinking about doing something later in the year.</p>

4) Parking	We have continued to keep sharing about parking on the newsletter, we have sent out links and contacted the council etc.
5) Safeguarding	<p>We just wanted to find out if you know who to go to if you had any concerns and wanted to inform us of anything you believed was a safeguarding problem.</p> <p>Yes, we think it would be a good idea to raise the profile of who to go to regarding safeguarding people and what to do etc. Advice to parents in a simple poster format and displayed around would be useful.</p>
<b>AOB Raised by Parent Forum:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could there be a whole school incentive for reading at home to encourage it? For example if you read a certain number of times you get a sticker or certificate? – This is something we can explore further and discuss as a school. We have a few reward systems in school so we would have to think carefully what this might look like to stand out and be a good incentive for all children. Maybe something we do low key within classes.</li> <li>• Are you still giving out spelling certificates if all spellings are completed? – Yes, Year 1 and Year 2 classes should be handing out completed certificates at the end of each half term.</li> <li>• Could the workshops sometimes be on a Monday or Friday as parents working 4 days a week might have these days off? – We are trying to vary the days of workshop offers and mix it up the best we can.</li> <li>• Handwashing routines – classes implement key points in the day around handwashing and when to hand wash etc. We can send out something to parents about handwashing etc. We are reviewing our posters up around the sink washing areas and ensure consistency around the school. Nathalie is going to e-mail through some more information around some workshops and resources we can use in school.</li> <li>• Reception flu immunisation – parents feel this is too late. – We were unable to bring the second date earlier when the provider was contacted. When originally arranged, we are given the dates – you can reject them but then given others. We also have to tie in with using the children's centre, so are quite limited. Reception was delayed as they had only been with us a short while on the first date. We have had no real 'flu' outbreak, there has been a nasty viral thing in reception but high temp followed by D&amp;V, unlikely that the flu immunisation would have stopped this. – For future can parents have the choice of an earlier date? – will speak to the office to see if this could be an option for next year.</li> <li>• Food choices – Do we know how many parents are choosing on Arbor? Are parents aware that plain options can be chosen – Year 2's are still coming home hungry especially if they choose jacket potatoes, do they have slightly bigger portions then the Reception?</li> <li>• Nativity – Reception – Owl Class and KF – had the communication about the nativity – whilst take on board not taking photos during the performance is there a possibility like the colour run, photos can be taken? – Yes, we will have photos taken either during the dress rehearsal or at one of the events, this will be shared with parents, at the end of the performance parents can take photos of their child.</li> <li>• Hyde Hall is this happening for Year 2 this year? – I have tried to book the trip for the autumn back in the summer but they were fully booked (for the first time) so tried again on 1<sup>st</sup> September to book for the summer as advised but were fully booked again, apologies for this it's never happened before. I am continuing to look into other options and find something at a reasonable cost.</li> <li>• Scooters and dogs – people carrying small dogs into school, lots of children riding around on scooters – especially around the reception ramp – no wheels on school site. A man at the front of the school with 2 large dogs near the front gate.</li> <li>• Tapestry – some classes still don't seem to have the same amount being shared. – Will raise with VB</li> <li>• Can we know how many the dojos the children are getting? – To be explored.</li> <li>• Lift the lip scheme dental check up's in school – are we taking part in it? – To find out.</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share minutes with staff and SLT</li> <li>• Will discuss the points raised with relevant staff.</li> <li>• Minutes to go out to parents.</li> </ul>	
<b>Date of next meetings:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 11th February 2026</li> <li>• Wednesday 14th April 2026</li> <li>• Wednesday 20th May 2026</li> <li>• Wednesday 8th July 2026</li> </ul>	