

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School

Minutes of Parent Forum

Held via Zoom Virtual Video Call (due to COVID 19 social distancing restrictions)

On 2nd July 2021

Present: Nicola Wilde (Chair), Kim Price (Head), Mayda Trew (Y6), Caroline Mole (Y5), Ali Hadley (Y4), Precious Dube (Y3), Ruth Redding (Y2), Becky Swain (Y1), Poppy Smith (R)

Item	Topic	Minute
1	NSPCC in Newsletter	A parent suggested that a separate email to inform parents of the NSPCC work would have been useful. As this was information for all school years, Mrs. Price felt that the newsletter was a suitable form of communication in this instance.
2	Isolating Pupil Home Learning	There were various comments from parents regarding the current home learning provision due to the Y5&6 bubble isolation situation. It was felt that one zoom class per day resulted in a lot of independent learning. It had been agreed by the Governors that they would continue with the plan as per the previous 'lockdown' as it was anticipated that any home-learning would now be short-term. Staff have also had to isolate unexpectedly. The school needs to have the flexibility to move Zoom classes if more school bubbles go into isolation. The situation is constantly reviewed with all staff.
3	Staffing for September	<p>In 2021-22, the school will have the right number of TAs. There is currently no vacancy for a PE teacher but if one does become available, then a TA/PE Teacher role would be preferred.</p> <p>Teachers for 2021-22 will be revealed on Tuesday 6th July. Mr. Jackson will be Acting Deputy Head whilst Mrs. Wilde is on secondment. There will be a part-time teacher to work with Mr. Jackson.</p>
4	Sports Day	Sports Day at the infant site has been reviewed again. The entrances are too narrow to make it safe for parents to attend on site. It is not possible for it to be carried out on the junior site primarily as toilets cannot be shared by class bubbles and there wouldn't be an alternative.
5	Hot Meals: Meat and Portion Sizes	Y3&4 don't always get offered a second helping as there needs to be enough food to feed Y5&6 who are in the second sitting, but there is always lots of bread and fruit available. A lot of food gets thrown away from children's plates as they choose not to eat all of their meal. Parents will be reminded in the newsletter to send their child in with a mid-morning snack at juniors.
6	Communication with EYFS	Some reception parents are not feeling engaged with the school, partly due to not having never been able to see inside the school due to Coronavirus restrictions. It is thought that the feeling there

is a lack of communication could be routed in frustration at lack of parental involvement, again due to Coronavirus restrictions. Bucks Education Department have made it clear that it is still not possible to have parents either in school or in the grounds for an outside meeting. A tour of the school for the current EYFS parents will be arranged as soon as possible, along with phonics workshops, maths workshops etc. It was mentioned that the EYFS parents do have Tapestry in place which is an excellent form of two-way communication between parents and teachers.

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| 7 | Term Dates | The school will start back on Thursday 2 nd September 2021. The calendar is on the website, along with the Bucks CC provisional dates. This can be found by going to the website, hover over 'Our School' tab, and then term dates are on the left. Inset days can change. It is possible to subscribe to the school calendar and link to your phone calendar. |
| 8 | Reading with Teachers | It is always aimed for a teacher to hear a child read at least once a week. Currently, as it is not possible to have volunteers in school to assist with this, it is much more challenging. |
| 9 | Tour of the School for current EYFS | Please see Point 6. |
| 10 | Homework for EYFS | EYFS are to learn weekly spellings and practice the tricky word list; reading first and then the spellings once they can read the words. All children to work at their own pace. There has been a new set of words on the website every week, and now this is on as one large document. Mrs. Wilde will speak to Mrs. Harvey for clarification. |
| 11 | Clubs | Inside clubs run by external companies such as French and dance will commence once visitors are allowed inside school again. The school gives as much notice as possible to announce the clubs on offer. The autumn term clubs will be announced once the staff are settled into their new classes, usually a couple of weeks into the start of term. If childcare is needed, Morning and Night owls can be booked. |
| 12 | School Trips for Infants | The staff discussed infant school trips at May half term. It was decided that the children would be safer in school during the current climate. A major factor was also that the adult:child ratio for infants is much higher than for the juniors. Parent helpers are not currently allowed and there are not enough staff available to take out an infant class. |
| 13 | Holiday Club | The school won't be running a holiday club this summer. |
| 14 | Parents to Use LFT Tests | The school won't be asking parents to do LFT tests as it is their decision. |
| 15 | Meeting close | Staff were thanked by parents for all they are managing to do and get done under these exceptional circumstances. The next Parent Forum meeting is scheduled for Friday 15 th October 2021. |