

## Parents Panel Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 9:10am

Present – DT, RJ, JS, CA, LS, JM

### Item 1 – Parents Panel Charter

It was discussed that a group agreement should be drawn up to be used in this meeting and in all future meetings. The agreement was as follows:

- All contributions are welcome.
- Respect all contributions, even when opinions are different to your own.
- Keep it general, not personal.
- Keep contributions positive.
- Stick to the topic being discussed.
- Don't use individual names of children/staff.

This charter will be displayed at the start of each meeting.

### Item 2 – Behaviour

The panel were asked what their perceptions were about behaviour in school. The following responses were discussed:

RJ said that whenever she has been in school, the behaviour of children in school is good and well managed. JM said that he was extremely happy with school and that his daughter always speaks positively about her time at school. Parents like the idea of the recognition awards that have been brought in to allow more children each week to be recognised.

LS brought up playtimes and how behaviour in the playground can be more challenging than in school. RJ mentioned that football can create tension on the playground. CA said that children struggle with imaginative play and some children don't really know what to do.

JS mentioned that some children's language at playtimes is not appropriate. It was discussed that some children hear this language in normal conversation at home and then repeat it in school, but school will do what they can to tackle this.

RJ brought up the use of the buddy bench and whether this was being used effectively, following the Covid pandemic. RJ offered to come in and re-paint the buddy bench if needed, alongside the school council. Also, we used to have playground monitors to assist at playtimes.

It was discussed whether children could remain inside to read/play games instead of going outside but DT said that staffing this would be an issue. JS and LS suggested that games/books could be taken outside as an alternative.

### **Actions for DT:**

- **Check where we are up to with playground leaders.**
- **Discussion with staff about teaching their class a game to play at playtime, as an alternative to football e.g. What time is it Mr Wolf?**
- **Look at the budget and involve the school council in buying some playtime toys.**
- **Discussion with children/staff about appropriate playtime language.**
- **School council to create ground rules for playtimes.**
- **Check whether the playground monitors can be reinstated.**

### Item 3 – Items for Future Discussion

Parents were asked to identify items which they would like to discuss at future parents panel meetings. The following were suggested:

- Homework
- Communication skills between children
- Mindfulness
- After school activities – not just sport
- Communication with parents

### Item 4 – Other Items Discussed

- School council – can the minutes from the meetings be included on the school newsletter?
- Themed weeks – can information be sent home about activities during themed weeks e.g. anti-bullying week?
- Welcome pack – there used to be a welcome pack for new starters, which was given to parents. Can this be reinstated?
- End of the school year award – In the past, there has been one achiever of the year award presented to one child in each class. The parents panel felt that it would be better to celebrate all children's achievements at the end of the school year, either through all children receiving a certificate celebrating their personal achievements and/or a class party.
- Golden book – Can the criteria for golden book winners be clearly communicated to parents and also can this award be shared out more evenly across each class? Could the playground monitors be involved in choosing the golden book winners?

**DT will look into all these suggestions and action them as appropriate.**

Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was closed.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9:10am.