

## Minutes of the Parent Forum held at Richmond Academy Wednesday 10 March 2021

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
	<b>Meeting opened at 2pm - Present:</b>	Helen Evemy (HT), Mr Tomkins, Stuart Kemsley (PSA)  Stuart Kemsley (SK) (PSA) - minute taker  Invites sent to: Mrs Skinner, Mrs Collins, Mrs Farr, Miss Beaven and Miss Fisher		
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	HT welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for coming along to the meeting		
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Miss Skinner		
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	HT will continue to monitor the Members attendance. HT has reported the Forum's thoughts on the Attendance Policy back to the Board The 'A' board has now been received and is in use.	The Board have written a letter (attached) to the Parent Forum following their last meeting	SK to share letter with minutes
4.	<b>Matters Arising from previous minutes</b>	Miss Skinner was unable to attend today's meeting and so no further information was provided for the Plastic Free School idea. A Parent had suggested that they wished to discuss the 'playground' at this meeting and HT confirmed it was asking what was available for the children. This was added as an agenda item to this meeting.		
5.	<b>Introduction</b>	HT thanked Mr Tomkins for attending and the minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. HT then went through the points on the agenda.	HT to monitor attendance and numbers	HT
6.	<b>Remote Learning Policy</b>	Mr Tomkins provided feedback on the remote learning policy. He said that his daughter loved the live lessons and also the social time with her friends and the teachers. It helped her keep engagement with her learning. He felt that was an improvement on the pre-recorded lessons from the last lockdown because if his daughter got stuck, her parents didn't always know how to help her. The only downside was at times connection could be lost but he appreciates that this is simply a demand on wifi.	HT to feedback to the Board  HT to feedback to staff as overall consensus was	HT

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		<p>Feedback through the survey: Generally really positive and appreciative of the teaching teams. A couple of parents raised the issue of children disrupting sessions and, despite teachers addressing this, it continuing. HT explained that remote learning required support from parents too in this instance and it can be hard to manage when parents are working or with multiple children online. Some parents found it difficult to upload assignments and struggled with the technology side but felt supported. The addition of screen breaks and regular 'catch up' time was appreciated</p>	<p>positive and staff need the recognition.</p>	
7.	<b>Behaviour Policy</b>	<p>Feedback on the Behaviour Policy was reported to be positive and the HT also said that some of the comments made regarding the use of Dojo rewards were fair. These comments referred to the fact that some teachers reward for things that others do not, there needs to be some consistency with the rewards and each class having the same approach. HT advised that this had been addressed already in a CPD session on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. One parent suggested that it might be the case that children who always behave and try their best could be overlooked for rewards and HT agreed this was something we all needed to be aware of. Again, this will be feedback to all staff A comment was made regarding policy not being followed properly and bullying can still be an issue at times. HT agreed that consistency with the policy is crucial and that if the school is made aware of an allegation of bullying, it is dealt with appropriately. An understanding of what constitutes bullying needs to be embedded as genuine bullying is awful for people and must be dealt with. The reflection strand of the policy was mentioned and it was suggested it 'should go' but HT clarified what this stage is actually about and how it is a crucial part of adjusting behaviour going forward and taking ownership of our own actions.</p>	<p>HT will continue to monitor the use of Dojos in school</p>	<p>HT</p>
8.	<b>Playground</b>	<p>Items that children would like to see on our playgrounds: Monkey bars, snakes and ladders painted on the floor, more benches and outdoor eating areas, shelter in the summer months, football goals, running track and some new playtime games.</p>		
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>Items to be placed on the next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can teachers give more feedback to parents (during Covid times)</li> <li>• Plans for the year 6 pupils who will be leaving at the end of the Summer term.</li> <li>• Social distancing at collection/drop off times (although this was raised by the attendee so was discussed at this meeting)</li> </ul>		
10.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 2pm</p>		