



GOVERNOR SURGERY NOTES

February 9th 2018

Governor Attendees: Paula Quiddington (Chair), Emma Tsangarides, Tom Avery

4 parents attended the meeting, held in the Club Room at 9am.

Main items discussed:

1) Parent Survey.

A parent asked if it was possible to add a neutral box to the parent survey last year, as current answer options are either positive or negative.

Action: Governors to consider when preparing the survey next year.

2) Hazardous weather policy.

A parent presented feedback that parents were not given enough notice of the decision to close the school for one Monday in December. It was suggested that either the policy be changed to reflect that if at all possible, notice should be given the night before the day of closure, or that a text be sent out to all parents before the current suggested time of 7:30am.

Action: For consideration at the next policy review date.

3) Use of the school playing field.

A parent asked why it is the school policy to only allow the children to use the playing field during the summer term? It was suggested that regular days are advertised when children who come to school in wellies can use the field.

Action: Operational matter. Referred back to Mrs Kimani.

4) Funding of after school clubs and school trips.

PQ presented the fact that as school budgets are getting tighter, it has been decided that from the start of the summer term, there will be a charge of £1 per session for clubs that have in the past, been free of charge, for example, football, netball, homework club. Parents agreed with the reasoning behind this decision and suggested it be communicated to parents as early as possible. Additional

communication was suggested with those families already known to the school, who may choose not to take part in these activities, as a result of the suggested charges.

PQ also noted that it will be increasingly difficult for the school to continue to provide school trips where additional funding is required to subsidise under payment (or no payment) by a number of families. One example is the residential trips. Additional costs are incurred by the school if a large number of children choose not to take the trip, such as paying for additional teaching staff to remain behind at the school.

A parent suggested if the residential trips in Y5 and Y6 are too expensive for some families, perhaps we could only offer a trip in Y6 and cut out any additional expenses, such as the group sweatshirts.

An alternative suggestion was that more of the HTSA funds are used to cover these costs.

Action: For further discussion at the next Governor Finance Committee meeting.