

## **School Council Meeting**

**14th September 2021**

Kevin said that all future Academy School Council meetings will be in person and online.

Council meetings take place on the second week of every half term on Tuesday at 9.15am.

Kevin will put reminders in the weekly newsletter and send out text a few days before the meeting.

Kevin said that these are parents and carers meetings so Kevin doesn't come to the meeting with any agenda items but only what is given to him from either the Academy Council members or other parent carers.

Parents and carers can ask questions.

Returning to school has gone well and attendance has been good with no COVID-19 cases at school so far.

Current arrangements for COVID-19 were highlighted in the newsletter last week.

Pupils now have normal school dinners and there are no bubbles.

Children seem very happy about that and parents can now come onsite.

Parents/carers don't have to wear a mask onsite but are welcome to do so if they choose.

The school is keeping hand washing and doing more hand washing throughout the day.

Classrooms are ventilated with windows open during the day.

Public Health have said this is the best way to reduce the spread of the virus.

Current guidance is that if you are under 18 or double vaccinated then you don't have to isolate if you are in contact with a positive case.

If a child is in contact with a person who tests positive for COVID, before the whole year group had to go home, but now they don't have to

This is the same with the staff at the school as well.

If it's an isolated case it is seen as not being serious unless there are 5 cases in one year group then the school will contact Public Health and will possibly go back to bubbles and doing some lessons online.

The school are keeping a really close eye on this and any changes they may go back to bubbles but they don't really want to do that.

If there is a case in each year then that is not seen as serious.

Kevin was asked "If one child swims in a different year group because of her ability, what would happen?"

Kevin suggested they would have to go back to year groups for swimming. If there was a COVID case in the year group the swimming pool may have to close anyway.

### **Lunch Food**

The school has gone back to normal service and the children get to choose what they want to eat at lunch time.

The meeting talked about having a survey for the pupils and Kevin will ask the school council to design the survey and ask pupils what they want to eat.

Last term the choice was limited and the food was not at its best due to arrangements for COVID. There is a three weekly menu in the newsletter so that you can see what the children are eating at school.

Nursery parents and carers have to pay for school dinners but free from years 1,2 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Kevin suggested the pupils should have a couple of weeks of school meals before giving out the survey.

It was suggested that asking the school council pupils to design the survey was a good idea, although it was highlighted that we did not want a limited choice of unhealthy meals on the survey.

It would be a great idea to get parents and carers to suggest meals for school lunch as well.

### **Pupil Testing**

There was no testing at the moment in the school.

Testing happens twice in the year.

The last tests were done in June for reading, writing, maths and grammar and considering the year we had the results was very good 83%/85% scores in most year groups so that was good.

### **Year Five Reading Test**

Year 5 pupils sat a test at the end of the year and the secondary schools use that to choose their children. It is not based on a certain mark and they give bands a b c d low to high.

This is to ensure that the schools take an even spread from the bands and just about equal range of pupils for secondary school intake.

It is done at the end of year 5 and was done in May and June.

### **Key dates**

There is a curriculum letter that is going out this week.

There are normally residential in Year 4 and in Year 5 end of the year and one in Year 6 in October - 6th, 7th and 8th October is the Y6 residential.

Shabina is planning a winter fair for the school.

It was asked "Will we have anything related to upcoming events such as halloween Christmas and Easter?"

Kevin said the school do not do anything around Halloween, but maybe there will be an assembly on Halloween nearer the time.

### **Parent Carer Coffee Morning**

Parents/carers can come in the morning for a coffee meet up.

This will be in the extended classroom and there is an urn, some toys and chairs in that room

It was suggested we use the new top meeting room for the parent carer coffee meet. It is on the top floor, there is a lift but some of the mums come with younger children and prams and there are no toys in that room as yet.

The meeting acknowledged it would be good to see more parent/ carers come and especially more dads or male carers as well.

Kevin will ask Shabina to push this out a bit more.

### **Newsletter**

The school is now fully digital for the newsletter and not going back to paper copies. It is on the website and Kevin texts the parent and carers with the link.

The digital copy has more pages and lots more information than before when it was just 2 sides of A4.

### **Academy Council Elections**

There are currently 5 A academy Council members and they are elected for 2 years. Some members have had 2 years so there will be elections coming up if other parent/ carers would like to come forward.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Academy School Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th November at 9.15am and will be face to face and online.