

Academy Council Minutes 11/06/24

- Minutes from last meeting (23/04/24) read through:
 - Y6 residential
 - School dinners
 - My Child At School app
 - Attendance
 - School uniform exchange
 - Parent/carers WhatsApp group
 - Swimming

Points discussed at this meeting:

- The kitchen dishwasher has been purchased and fitted and will be in use from today. We will go back to using trays instead of the paper plates. Kevin explained that this was an expensive piece of equipment so we had to get several quotes in, it had to be fitted and the electrics in the kitchen changed to accommodate it.
- A parent raised a concern that class lists of pupils are displayed on classroom windows with names ticked who have paid for a particular trip/educational visit. The parent pointed out that this feels like 'naming and shaming' and these payments are not compulsory. Kevin agreed and said he would check on this and have any lists removed. Monetary contribution to curriculum educational visits are voluntary, and while the school does depend in part on this money, the contributions are voluntary and we cannot force parents/carers to pay. We always ask parents to 'pay what you can afford' in letters.
- A question was raised about the newsletter item inviting parents in to have lunch with their children. Is this working? Are they coming in? Kevin said that he had seen lots of parents coming in on a Monday for lunch. A parent said she had put her name down but hadn't had notification. Kevin said that parents should be invited in the week before their date - but he would check on this and make it clearer in future notices.
- After school clubs were discussed. A parent asked about whether we could start up our own afterschool club again instead of pupils having to be taken to the Olga provision? Kevin said that when he last looked into this, there weren't enough pupils at OFPA who would use a provision based at our school, and the school couldn't afford to run this. He said he would review this and maybe survey parents again to see if anything had changed.
- A question was raised about breakfast club - how is this paid for via the MCAS app? Kevin said he would check on this.