

## Academy Council Meeting - 12/11/24

1. Introductions from all in attendance - including Paradigm Trust CEO Bill Holledge.
2. Notes from last meeting read out.

### **Items raised by parents/carers:**

3. School Dinners

Discussion around the school food offer. Parents liked the fact that they are invited in to have dinner with their children. Kevin to check that these invites are given in good time so parents have adequate notice (After the meeting, Kevin checked. Parents are invited in several days in advance, a reminder is sent on the morning)

Discussion on healthy eating. How can we get pupils to eat vegetables and salad? Various suggestions given including staff eating dinner with pupils. Kevin said he would speak to the catering company to see if there was anything else they could do to support.

Bill Holledge suggested a pupil 'food committee.'

4. Toilets

A parent was concerned that the pupil toilets are not cleaned during the day and are messy.

Kevin said that most classes have a 'toilet log' so we can monitor who is using the toilet and to follow up on any issues. Kevin said he would speak to G4S about ensuring regular checks during the day.

5. Swimming

Discussion around mobile swimming pool. This has been on site for 7 weeks and has proved very popular. Kevin said that we didn't have hard data yet on how many pupils have met the government's 25m requirement but it looked positive. Parents agreed that it was a success and Old Ford would be looking at repeating it next year.

6. Clubs

A question was asked about clubs, and whether we could have a cooking club. Kevin said he would ask staff if anyone would be interested in leading this club. Outside organisations can provide clubs, however they often charge a lot per session.

#### 7. Photographs.

A question was asked whether siblings could be together in the individual pupil photographs. Kevin said he would look into this.

(Kevin: Next time the photographers are in school we will arrange an extra afterschool session where parents/ carers can sign up and take their children to be photographed together.)

#### 8. Parent/carers survey

Kevin reminded parents about our survey which came out today. We had an excellent response rate last time and we are looking to better it this time.

Next meeting: 9.15am, Tuesday 14th January