

## **Academy Council Minutes 13/01/26**

### **1. Kevin went through the minutes of the last meeting in November:**

- There are three vacancies on the council, election information is coming in January.
- The councillors were very happy and grateful with the Book Trust 'free books' scheme.
- Parent/carer/teacher meetings are scheduled in for late January

### **2. Photographs**

- Councillors liked the fact that we are now able to offer sibling photographs, however it was felt that the quality of the new provider was not as good as the previous company. They are also more expensive. Kevin said he would feed this back.

### **3. Voluntary contributions**

- Kevin explained about the voluntary contribution process to school visits. While we are not able to insist that all pupils pay, we would not be able to run as many visits without some sort of parent/carer contribution. Kevin asked whether the council thought that parents/carers might prefer to pay a voluntary contribution once a year. Most councillors thought that parents would prefer a 'pay as you go' option. If there was going to be a one off payment, it was pointed out that this should be based on the amount/value of experiences in a particular year group and not standard across the whole school.

### **4. Visits**

- The council liked the fact that Y4 pupils were able to experience a pantomime for free.

- It was requested that parents/carers be given more notice of trips. Kevin explained that curriculum letters go out at the beginning of each half term and all trip information should be in there. If we give notice too far in advance, people tend to forget!

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.15am**