

#### 4. ACADEMY COUNCIL MINUTES 21/04/26

- 4 parents were in attendance
- Kevin started the meeting by speaking about what was discussed at our last meeting in February:

##### **Toilets:**

- School council are involved in formulating ideas to help pupils keep toilets clean
- Kevin has spoken to staff about increased cleaning of toilets

##### **Dinner plates:**

- The cracked dinner trays have been removed

##### **'Red/Blue' interschool wars:**

- There were no issues around our school regarding this and it was mainly a secondary school issue which police and LBTH were monitoring

- An academy councillor asked about the **start time** for pupils. Kevin confirmed that all pupils should be in their lines before 8.55am
- **Gate closures:**
  - The main gates to the school are closed soon after this. This is to ensure that no members of the public can access the school site.
- **MCAS** - Two of the councillors said that some information that was posted on KS1 windows was missing from the MCAS app. Kevin said he would ensure that any trips etc. were posted on here in good time. Kevin said he would check out how many parents were using the MCAS app, this is approximately 87% of
- **Parent/carer engagement:**
  - We had a long discussion about how to engage parents/carers more in school life. The point was made that in a large school such as Old Ford, you would expect more parents at meetings. Kevin said that we get a good turn out at fairs and more 'informal' events.
  - A councillor suggested putting out a survey to ask parents about what events they would like in school. This could include things like Zumba classes, Yoga and budgeting help etc. This could take place in one of the school halls on a morning after drop off. We could also ask parents if they have any skills to share. Kevin said he would do this by the end of the week.
- Kevin said that the **'Pop-up bookshop'** is back in school for this term. Pupils can choose 2 books to take home for free. Parents have also been invited in and the timetable of when classes are visiting is in the latest school newsletter.
- **Parent/teacher conferences:** These will be optional for parents/carers to attend at the end of the year. The school will be sure to publicise these well in advance.

**The final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, 9th June at 9.15am and will be an informal drop in event with tea and coffee.**