

1. Academy Council minutes 15/09/26

Kevin welcomed all parents/carers to the first academy council meeting of the new year.

The meeting was well attended with 14 parents attending in person and 3 online.

Kevin gave a short update on how the year had begun:

- **Attendance** has been good - 96.9% attendance across the school for the last week.
- We have once again got our **mobile swimming pool** on site. All pupils from Y4 - Y6 will take part in twice weekly swimming lessons.
- Kevin outlined the government's new **allergy guidance** - there would be a message in this week's newsletter regarding this.
- Kevin said that one of the parents had approached him about setting up a parent **fundraising committee** to support the school.

Parent/carers items

1. A parent asked if all pupils could take part in swimming and her Y1 child would like to go. Kevin explained that it was only Y4, Y5 and Y6 that were having lessons. The pool is 1.2m deep and would be too deep for Y1 pupils who are not already confident in the water.
2. A parent asked about **roll numbers** and are numbers of pupils down. Kevin explained that falling rolls are a problem across Tower Hamlets and London. Many schools are reducing intakes or combining classes. We have some vacancies in year groups but it is not too bad at the moment. For the first time this year, we have one combined Y3/4 class due to lower numbers in this area,
3. A parent asked about **free school meals** and are we doing everything we can to ensure that all our parents are signed up because we will get funding. Kevin said, we are doing our best to get the message across for that very reason!
4. **School dinners.** These were discussed in terms of options. Kevin said that we would be inviting parents in again later in the term so they could experience the dinner service along with their children and see what was on offer.
5. **Photographs.** A parent asked if we would be using the same photography company again and when were individual photographs scheduled for. We will be using the same photography company again. These will be scheduled for 21st October. Once

again we will have the option for sibling photographs (This was a request that came from a previous academy council meeting)

6. **Flu vaccines:** These will take place at school later this term on 12th October. We will have both nasal vaccines (containing animal products) and injection vaccines (containing no animal products)

The next academy council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 9.15am.