

Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we
care, share
and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our Parent Council meeting. Parent council members are happy to raise any questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to them about any issues raised in these minutes.

Minutes of meeting - 27th March 2018

Present: Gareth Emery (Class 6), Jodie Gibbons (Class 5), Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Vicky Morrow (Class 3+4),

Apologies: Lynne Hill (Class 4+6), Claire Hunt (Class 3+4),

Agenda:

- New Social Media Policy
- Our School App
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

New Social Media policy

The school has adopted the council's new 'Social Media' policy. The policy sets guidelines for staff to follow when using social media. The principles set out in the policy are designed to ensure staff members use social media responsibly so that the confidentiality of pupils and staff and the reputation of the school and RCT are safeguarded. There are also guidelines for governors and parents to follow.

There are sections of the policy that refer to managing unpleasant postings about staff or the school. There are letters prepared for school to send to parents/others who post such items on social media and guidelines for reporting them. There is a 'Parents Code of Conduct' included in the guidelines that will be circulated to all parents this week. The parent council discussed the different elements of the policy in detail. The policy is available on the school website for parents to read in detail.

Our School App

The parent council looked at the new school 'app' which will be live in the summer term. The app will reduce the need for letters to be sent home (reducing photocopying costs) and include (amongst other facilities) a handy calendar with reminders of school events! More information will follow.

Successful elements of the school

Parents were asked to bring to the meeting any positive elements that they think the school does well. These included:

- Archery sessions for class 4 and 5
- Lads and Dads evening

Questions from parents

Parent council members raised a number of questions and discussed issues of concern:

- Dinners: Why are the children who are last for dinners left with little choice??
School response: The school cook can only cook the exact amount of dinners ordered. As we have 2 choices a day she uses her prior knowledge of what the children like to work out home much of each selection to cook. This does however mean that on some occasions the last few children being served do not have a choice. This is unavoidable but to compensate the children are served dinners on a rota so they take turns in being last in the queue. Our cook always tries to accommodate the children and if they really don't like what's left she will always try to make them a sandwich or alternative.
- Dinner money: Many parents have reported issues with their dinner money payments - what can school do to improve the system?
School response: as of 16th April School will only accept online dinner money payments. This will ensure parents and school have an electronic record of payments. All parents will be sent a reminder of their child's unique identification number for online payments. Texts reminding parents of their balance will still be sent on a regular basis.
- Toileting policy: What is the schools policy on nursery pupils and toilet training?
School response: We would hope that all pupils entering our nursery are toilet trained before they start (unless they have a special need). We are aware that accidents will happen and staff are well prepared for these incidents. If a child 'wets' then we will help them change. We have a stock of spare pants in school so children can be clean and dry for the rest of the day. However, if a child 'soils' we will telephone the parent to come and change their child or take them home to change and shower (returning them to school ASAP).
Language: Can we remind parents again not to use bad language on the playground?
School response: Yes, please be mindful of other parents and young children on the yard who may be offended.
Parking: Can we put cones on the double yellow lines to prevent parking?
School Response: I will request more cones from our police schools liaison officer to see if this is possible.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st May 2018