

Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we
care, share
and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our latest 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 4th April 2019

Present: Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Lynne Hill (Class 4+6), Siobhan Apperley (Class 1), Umanga Kandamby (Class 3)

Apologies: Hannah Pick (Class 2), Jodie Gibbons (Class 5)

Agenda:

- Investors in families assessment
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

Investors in families' assessment

Parent Council discussed the upcoming Investors in families' assessment. The seven core aims were discussed and parents suggested topic to consider for evidence. Parent Council were invited to meet the assessor on the assessment day 9th May.

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:

- Online booking for parents evening
- Eisteddfod

Questions from parents

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

- World Autism day: Why didn't we acknowledge World Autism day?
School response: World Autism day was not long after Comic Relief and Eisteddfod so we decided it would be too much to ask parents to donate again. We did discuss just dressing up for the day but felt this would also put pressure on parents to buy something. We support a certain number of charity days a year - we have tried to stick to one a term. We Support Children in Need, Comic/Sports Relief and one fund raiser for school. Parent Council suggested giving parents a survey of charitable 'days' that we could raise money for or acknowledge through awareness raising. This is a great idea and will be sent out next term.
- Uniform: Children are often not coming in uniform in some classes; this is putting pressure on others.
School response: All children will be reminded that they should wear uniform. We will be holding a 'Great Uniform Swap' in the summer term that parent council will coordinate

- Lunch Time: Why can't dinner and sandwich children sit together?
School response: The children sit apart to aid with supervision and cleaning.
- Sandwiches: Foundation phase children are coming home with lots of their food still left in their boxes. Are they running out of time? Or are they not encouraged?
School response: Children have plenty of time to finish their sandwiches and are encouraged to finish the lunch they have been given. If parents are concerned about their child, please come and let us know and we will keep a close eye on them.
- Break times: How are break times monitored? How many staff are on the yard?
School response: At break times we have 1 teacher and 3 support staff on the yard and 1 support staff on first aid duty in the corridor. At lunch time we have 3 members of staff on the yard and 2 members of staff on the nursery yard, (the recommended ration is 1:60 - we are well over this)
- Morning line: Foundation phase classes are last to go in in the morning resulting in a delay for parents getting to work/ appointments etc.
School response: Foundation phase staff come out at 9am to collect the children, however they are sometimes held up if a parent has a query. There is also a backlog with children going down the corridor and waving to their parents. Please can parents refrain from waving? Please remember, if parents are in a rush in the morning that our breakfast club is free to access anytime once you have registered.
- National tests: Will all children be doing national tests online this year?
School response: All children in years 2 to 6 will take part in national tests in May. Only the 'Procedural Maths' is online this year - the others are still paper based. We have been preparing the children by completing a lot of online assessments so they are used to the format. We also piloted the online tests for Welsh Government last year so most of the children in years 4 to 6 have completed them already. The numeracy guides for parents that Parent Council made a few years ago will be posted online and Facebook for parents to support with maths homework.

Some questions raised by parent council are not included in these minutes. This is because they were sensitive in nature or personal to the parent asking the question. Your class representative will give you feedback individually if this is the case.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd May 2pm