

Parent Body Agenda

Attendees: Mrs Skinner-Headteacher, Miss Fullagar - Deputy Headteacher, Miss Steward - Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Bruce - Year 4, Mrs Cant - Hever, Mrs McDowall - Year 6, Mrs Wilkes – Year3, Mrs Gall – Yr5

Apologies for Absences:

<p>From previous meeting: Is the school thinking of organising any friendship or class photos? The parent asking this does understand it needs a different approach, possible individual photos being merged onto a group photo?</p> <p>What is the protocol for children wishing to bring in cards and gifts for school staff this year?</p>	<p>Update. Tempest were contacted and they are currently furloughed. There will be no year 6 friendship group photos.</p> <p><i>Some teachers are hoping to create Bit emoji montages of their class with help from parents and pupils</i></p> <p>From Nick Abrahams-Area Education Officer: <i>There isn't any specific guidance issued by the Government for schools on this.</i> <i>The passing of items between people is generally discouraged in the guidance; an approach to gifts to staff from children being put aside and not taken home for 72 hours would be an appropriate strategy to minimise risk, (Staff will buy gifts, wrap and leave for 72 hours and then pass to children) this is something bookshops for example are doing when items are picked up and not purchased. Something similar could be done for gifts to pupils.</i> <i>A tricky aspect is of course that not all pupils are in and will have the opportunity to either give or receive a gift; the school could adopt a position of no gifts or something that isn't physical.</i> A lot of BH school staff have already bought their gifts for pupils. BH advice: avoid flowers, home-made edible items</p> <p><i>So it will be for the school to consider its approach and put into place any mitigating measures which may be the idea of 'quarantining' them for a period of time to minimise risk.</i></p> <p>What about children whose teacher is not in school? We have had things dropped home to staff and they have then quarantined the items for 72 hours. All quarantined staff are Maidstone based. We will be putting in measures for gifts to be dropped off.</p>
<p>DFE guidance and opening in September – Guidance on what school will be like - such as staggered arrival/departure times, lunch arrangements, any changes to school day schedule.</p>	<p>Guidance received end of last week. Staff and governors are working on this. Full Governor Body on Monday 13th July to discuss. A summary of changes will be sent to staff to consult on. Not a lot is changing since May. For September the children will go back to school uniform – the advice is to wash it as regularly as you would normally. There is no need to have a change of clothes every day.</p> <p>Staggered arrival and departure times for bubbles might be considered, if it does not impede curriculum time. There are 14 bubbles to stagger and it would impact the learning time as is stands.</p> <p>Possibly we can stagger KS1 and KS2. As soon as we know the arrangements we will our school community know.</p> <p>Lunch arrangements will also need to be considered. At present we are not entirely sure how we will deliver hot lunches to children in their</p>

classes before they get cold or even manage the delivery of that many dinners (all FS, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children are entitled to free school lunches: 180 children).

We are acutely aware that lots of families are faced with financial difficulties and a free hot meal going into the colder, winter months would be a better solution. We cannot mix the bubbles and the DFE guidance is clear that movement around school should be restricted. There is not a clear solution for this at the moment. We may have to proceed with packed lunch arrangements in September.

Social Distancing within classrooms between children is not the priority anymore, although staff do have to maintain a 2m distance. It is about keeping the bubble as isolated as possible. However, where there are shared facilities for example in Foundation Stage – you may have no option but to mix and the DfE have said the children have to go back. More cleaning would have to be considered.

After school and breakfast clubs can run. Risk Assessments are in place – they can continue to provide places for children, observing the bubbles as much as possible. We recognise that it will happen where a younger child may want to go over to another child– we will have to remind them to social distance.

Are children allowed to get changed? Yes, that will be allowed –the PE kits come into school at the start of term and they will have to stay in school for the whole term and sent home for washing at the end. Trainers would be the minimum requires to safely do PE.

We do not think that clubs will be running in Term 1 due to mixing of bubbles. The staff need to prioritize the curriculum and plan closing any gaps for the children in their education and providing pastoral care.

It is worth noting that the DFE will be sending out updated health and safety advice in August to schools.

School Uniform

Currently they are wearing their own clothes so its new every day. Do they plan to continue this in September? Will we be back to school uniform? If a decision for this hasn't been made yet when will we be told?

Yes – school uniform in September

The link for Pages School shop is webshop@pages-schoolwear.co.uk for any uniform purchases.

The advice is there no requirement for children to have their uniforms to be washed every day.

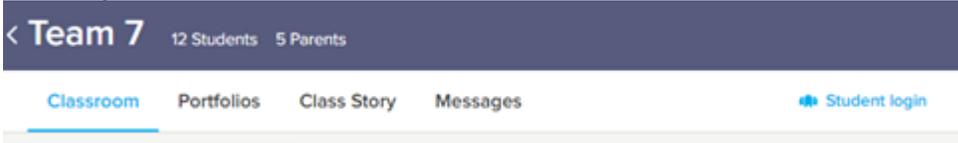
Staff will have a duty though to point out to parents if children are repeatedly in dirty clothing.

How effective are parents finding the weekly videos from teachers?

Year 5 didn't feel much had changed, but parentrep couldn't access Class Dojo. Yr 5 teachers read a Story read via class dojo. Parents who have access issues have been able to forward them to phase leaders: emails on our website.

Mr Bestford and Mr Baker have been contacted regarding access to dojo's not being successful – some parents have not seen the videos or find they are being asked to pay for the service, so feedback to this remained inconclusive.

Mr Bestford's response:-
If they contact their phase leader, (please refer to the website under parent pages/parent body) the phase leader can give the parents email address to the class teacher. The class teacher can then log into their

	<p><i>class's Class Dojo and 'invite parents' (found on the toolbar of their class, see image attached).</i></p>  <p><i>Once they click on 'invite parents' they can enter the parents email address next to the desired student. This will send a direct email with login details for the parent.</i></p> <p><i>From September I will see if there is a way I can ensure all classes who use class dojo send out their 'parent invites' so we won't require the parents email address.</i></p> <p><i>Year 6 are very successful with it, but can only upload via a PC – children are able to upload themselves once they agree what they are allowed to upload. May need to upload a new app as new versions come out.</i></p>
<p>Year 6 – asking about video message for children who are homeschooled and not coming back</p>	<p>This will be taken this to phases to get their feedback. This may only be an option for year 6 and not to the whole school.</p>
<p>Home-learning</p>	<p>The links are expiring for work that has been set. Teachers have not had time to go back and check the links are live.</p> <p>One parent rep: one week behind and the links are expiring. This will need to be fed back to the phase leaders.</p>
<p>Transition</p>	<p>New class lists will be sent Friday. Class reports are being released Friday 10th July.</p>
<p>Summer Holidays</p>	<p>Key (Critical) Workers – There is nowhere to put the children for Summer. Advice: to contact KCC who will have a list.</p> <p>The school has let KCC know that our premises could be let for a club by an external provider. Not heard back yet.</p>
<p>New Parent Body Reps</p>	<p>Thanks to Mrs McDowall for all her help as year 6 parent body rep. She will not be returning in September.</p> <p>In September we would like to do meetings every two weeks in Term 1 and possibly Term 2. We would encourage our parent reps to reapply for the new academic year– if you don't come back as a reps, Mrs Skinner has formally thanked everyone involved this year for all their help and contributions, especially through this particularly challenging time.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still awaiting information on the date of the 11+. 21st July is date we will receive a decision. • The year 6 Danbury trip in October –DFE guidance has stated no overnight residentials in autumn term. We are currently looking into possible options for the Spring/Summer terms.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>September 2020</p> <p>Fortnightly to continue in Term 1 to enable parents to respond to school life changes etc</p>