

12th October 2022

Parent Body Agenda

Attendees: Mrs Skinner-Headteacher, Miss Fullagar – Deputy Headteacher, Christina Whitehead – Notetaker, Ms Acott – Reception Parent Body Rep, Ms Fosher – Year 4 Parent Body Rep, Ms Bourne – Year 5 Parent Body Rep

Apologies for Absences: None reported

Communication protocols, ground rules. Requirements of the parent body representative	Mrs Skinner went through the expectations of a parent representative and how the communication has been set up.
Redirecting Queries	Parent body reps were given a list of contacts of who they can redirect queries to if they were not a parent body item.
IT support	<p>The following emails have been set up for parent body representatives.</p> <p>fsrep@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk – Ms Acott Yr1rep@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk – Ms Sutton Yr2rep@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk – Ms Bingham Year 3 – Awaiting Representative Yr4rep@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk – Ms Fosher Yr5rep@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk – Ms Bourne Year 6 – Awaiting representative</p> <p>The representatives that have put themselves forward were happy to look after the year group as a whole with one email address that they look after. Any points for discussion that are received should be emailed to Headteachers PA to be considered for future agendas.</p>
Recruiting other parent body reps	We are still looking for representatives for year 3 and 6. Please email your interest to Mrs Whitehead at pa@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk
Swimming Contributions	<p>Although swimming is a curriculum requirement, the significant price increase from the leisure centre and coach company were unexpected.</p> <p>No additional school funding is provided for either the lessons or the travel.</p> <p>In September, the leisure centre informed us of an imposed increased session time of 45 minutes. We have contacted other centres/hotels/gyms but unfortunately have been unsuccessful in gaining alternative provision. Mote Park remains the only viable option.</p> <p>The cost of coach travel has also increased due to fuel rises.</p>



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<p>Brunswick House Primary School</p>	<p>The overall costs for swimming lessons this year are detailed below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charges from Maidstone Leisure Centre £12,240 • Cost of travel to swimming £5,760 <p>Coach travel will be taken from the school budget.</p> <p>This has resulted in a rise in contributions per student for swimming to £8.50per week.</p> <p>In response to this, we may have to reassess our improvement plans as without contributions from parents to support us, we may have to reduce existing resources that children have access to this year.</p> <p>Parents' contributions towards these lessons are greatly appreciated and we understand that in the current financial climate, this may be difficult. Therefore, payment plans are offered to spread the payments out in smaller amounts.</p>
<p>Uniform</p>	<p>A draft Uniform Policy was sent out to parents for a consultation period and we have had those results back. There were a few queries on the term cobalt blue and royal blue. Cobalt blue was included as this is the colour name that some supermarkets use.</p> <p>We do not insist on logo items.</p> <p>We have allowed black tracksuit bottoms as well as navy.</p> <p>Preloved uniform items will be given away once a term after school.</p> <p>Uniform items can be worn all year round.</p> <p>A few families were concerned about the children leaving their PE kits at school, but we have reassured those parents that trainers can be taken home at weekends or during the week after PE days.</p> <p>There will be a disclaimer at the end of the uniform policy about prices being correct at time of printing but subject to change.</p>
<p>Parking</p>	<p>Mrs Bingham our year 2 rep, is a link police officer for MGGS and Maplesden Noakes. She has sent us information on parking on zig zags etc outside our school – this will be parent mailed out to families.</p> <p>A tenant at Brennan Mews has complained about a repeat offender that parks inconsiderately and has taken down the registration number. They will be reporting it to the authorities if this does not stop.</p>
<p>Chess</p>	<p>There was a query as to whether chess club would restart. Gary Titmus has since left the church. Ms Bourne will email Mrs Whitehead the contact details of a new person to liaise with regarding this.</p>
<p>Volunteer Readers in school</p>	<p>Mrs Coles, our school reading champion, will be setting out a new program. All volunteers need to be DBS checked at a cost to the school.</p>