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Parent Body Meeting 23rd June 2021 – 2.15pm

Attendees: Mrs Skinner, Miss Steward, Miss Fullagar, Mrs Whitehead, Alyson Barcroft, Kara Acott, Laura Misy, Lynne Bourne,

Apologies: Leanne Pardoe, Rachael Cant, Faye Wilkes

	Agenda item	Reply
	Welcome	
1	Will staggered times be something that continues in September?	This is something we will be looking at. It has been good to reduce the amount of pupils and parents on site. Could still continue with staggered drop offs as long as children are in by 8.45am. Parents have enjoyed the speed of drop off in the last 6 months, but also believe that getting back into the playground will be a good thing. The school have loved the independence that being dropped off has created for the children.
		In September, it should look more like normal and the school are considering re-opening up the Buckland gate for access to the school. The problem will be in manning this along with other processes moving forward logistically. The other benefit to opening this gate is to spread the amount of parents/children over two entry points. One parent commented that traffic has been reduced significantly. If parents have a view on this please do notify your parent reps so that the school can pick up on these and work towards a plan for September where they are able to.
2	Few occasions where communication has fallen short in the FS year group eg: PE days and the recent inset day. Luckily it was picked up in the class group chat. Is this something that can be improved?	This has been picked up and the Inset days were published on the website last September. We need to get better at of directing parents to the website for information.
3	What would we like to keep moving forward and is there anything we'd like to bring back? What has worked well and what needs improving?	PE days have been so great. Having the children come in in their PE kits has been brilliant, there has been virtually no lost property. The school would like to continue this moving forward. The only slight problem for the younger

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children is the odd toilet accident; the school have purchased spare clothing for this.

Remote Parent Consultations have received differing feedback in that parents really loved the remote consultations (attendance has been very good) as this fitted better with their day as it was more flexible. The consultations were not rushed you felt you had the full ten minutes. Staff are conscious that face to face contact gives the opportunity to see children's books. The parent body suggested perhaps offering both so that all parents could be catered for. This would have to be held on two separate days. The other option would be to hold a book viewing on a different day? Fantastic to tailor it around each family. The staff also liked the remote consultations. A very pleasant experience. Planning for a mixed range would require advanced notice and planning.

The lunchtimes have been staggered and split into:-

- 12.00-1.00pm FS and KS1
- 12.30-1.30pm Year 3 & 4
- 1.00-2.00pm Year 5 & 6

This has helped the school immensely. There have been less accidents/incidents as there are smaller numbers of children out on the playground. When we go back to hot dinners it will mean that there are 120 children as opposed to 240 in the dining hall. The added benefit for the new year 3 children is they don't have such a jump from 12pm to 1pm for lunch. This is a big difference for them. Also there is more equipment to go around.

CH&Co our catering company are very aware of us wanting to go to hot meals from September. This is a priority.

As soon as the restrictions are lifted we would like to go back to the way we organized home/school reading.

The restrictions around Health and Safety – we would look to keep the handwashing and the antibacterial gel as we have had next to no incidents of colds etc. Everyone's approach to this has been amazing. It has worked really well for the school and the children are in a good routine with it.

We would like to continue with the Parent Body. It has been good that we can do these remotely, again this has fitted in well with people's lives and offered the flexibility needed. We may look to do a mixture of face to face and online meetings. Any parent who may be interested in joining the parent forum should keep an eye out in September when we look to recruit more parents. If you

have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whitehead Tel: 01622 752 102.
The gym seems to have a better system now for parking.
We have had better representation from our PCSO and the school is being allocated a police officer for September.
Finally, thank you to all our parent reps for being on the Parent Body this year and being such good reps. The school really values its Parent Body so please encourage other parents to come on board for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs W Skinner Headteacher