

# Minutes

## Parent Council Meeting

### DATE

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### TIME

16.30

### ATTENDEES

H. Owen, C.Bou Aziz, J. Wood , L. Baker and K. Morgan.

### APOLOGIES

A. KHAHLID AND C. BAKER

### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Apologies** – Accepted.
2. **Presentation From Mrs Foxall on the role of the Community Leader:** Mrs Foxall is the community leader for the school which is a collaborative role working in partnership with Brierly Hill primary school. The purpose of the role is to develop and organize events and outreach with the local community. Some of the strands of the role are organizing events, getting visitors into school, volunteer opportunities within the school and seeking out opportunities for the school to be celebrated in the local community. The other part of the role is to develop Equality, Diversity and inclusion by building links with external organizations and the community to promote diversity and social justice. Mrs Foxall discussed the amount of visitors into school and the range of visitors which are really helping to make the curriculum diverse and providing some excellent experiences for the children which enrich the wider curriculum. A discussion was had about developing links with the community and school and considering sign posting by the council and also Ads on Billboards. This will enrich the promotion which is already taking place such as the social media presence and the highlights on Black Country radio. School are auditing who will be coming in to enrich the curriculum and also trying to get more parents involved. School would really like any parents who are a dentist or who have links to dental health to come in as there is a push towards dental health in the EYFS curriculum. School would also like other parents/carers/friends to support to do careers events and talks to further enrich the curriculum. Mrs Foxall will be sending out a survey to parents to see who would be available to come in and speak to the children about their careers and occupations to inspire. A discussion was also facilitated on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which will happen in 2025 and some ideas on how School will celebrate and commemorate events. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Parent Council Meeting.
3. **Presentation from Mr Pritchard on communication and liaison with parents-**Mr Pritchard discussed communication with parents and the developments which the school are trying to make. For example, the School are trying to offer a diverse range of after school activities which are not just sporting and are run by volunteers from the teaching staff. The school are also looking for any parents or carers who would like to volunteer their time to support some after school club teaching or pursuing a particular

interest or hobby. Mr Pritchard also discussed the communication with parents to gather views on the booking system for after school activities which has recently changed to a QI code and also the blogs which are updated by teachers. It was suggested that in each year group there could be a blog page which is dedicated to reminders and also to house help videos for homework so that everything was in one place and there would be a more uniformed approach, but teaching staff would update their individual blogs with the activities in their classroom or with their class. Mr Pritchard also talked about the Inspire workshops for parents/carers to attend with their children and how to open up the school more with commemorations and events. We also discussed the idea of sponsorship from Alumni or local businesses to create more events at school in connection with the local community.

4. **Date of next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March – for the next meeting please can members think about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and events/celebrations and commemorations and also ways of opening up school more to parents.**
5. **AOB**