**Minutes of Parents Council – 10th January 2022 at 4.30pm (via teams)**

**Present** : IL (Iestyn Lewis), Emily Thornley (ET), James Elliott (JE), Deleasa Davies (DD), Cathryn Rayner (CR), Nicola Holt (NH), Sam Crompton (SC), Serena Heathcote (SH), Alexa Livesey(AL),Oliver Lofthouse (OL),

**Apologies :** None

**Clerking :** KB

1. Welcome – IL opened the meeting at 4.30 pm.
2. Apologies – None.
3. Declaration of AOB – None
4. E-mails – Each member has been provided with a school e-mail address which they used to access the meeting.
5. Communication – A copy of a strategy that was produced by Nicola Holt was circulated to the members, via Teams. It was agreed that members would review it and provide comments.
6. Walk in my Shoes Week – This will be a week of activities and workshops regarding race, hidden disabilities and religion. IL asked the Parents Council to ask for support from the classes they represent. DD said that she would be able to help by doing some African & Caribbean cooking. JE said that he felt that reference should be made regarding disadvantaged families. SH said that she may be able to get someone to come in from her work to discuss diversity and inclusion. DD said that she felt that the school could do more regarding different cultures as, for example, the school had not done any working regard Black History Month.
7. Homework – OL said that it would be good to have an expectation of when homework is to be set as this would help motivate children. CR said that she agreed with OL as there are some inconsistencies, particularly with the method as sometimes its set on Education City and other times on paper and it would be better if parents knew what to expect and when. IL said that there is a Homework Policy in place setting out what homework is set and when. This will need to be looked as there appears to be inconsistencies. IL said it would need to be agree what the best format. IL suggested sending out a questionnaire. JE said that they could ask the question on the class Whatsapp groups.

DE asked if homework is differentiated across the class. IL said that it is on some occasions. The main purpose of homework is to consolidate the strategies learned in class.

1. School suggestions for future agenda items: Homework, focus for stay and play, parents’ information evenings (Family Learning Events), Parents Code of Conduct, Parent’s Evenings, RSE Curriculum, Christian distinctiveness, Collective Worship and Family Services. It was agreed that homework will be discussed in the next meeting.
2. Parent Council suggestions for future agenda items: at this point, please raise any suggestions for future projects that you feel we should engage with to benefit the school. Each member will discuss with the class which they represent. All agreed for their new school e-mails to be detailed in the teachers note at the end of the week, so that they communicate with parents.
3. AOB – No other business discussed.
4. Setting a date for the next meeting – The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 9th February at 4.30 pm.