

## Minutes of the Parent Forum Thistle Hill Academy 4th December 2020

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
	<b>Meeting opened at 2pm – 2.45pm. Microsoft Teams</b>	<p><b>Attendees</b> Annette Bevan (Headteacher) AB Kelly Lupson (PSA) KL Samantha Kendall (Parent) SK Samantha Kew (Parent) SK Danielle Wilsher-Graves (Parent) DWG Joanne Stevenson (Parent) JS Victoria Clarke (Parent) VC</p> <p><b>Invited</b> Keeley Miller (Parent) KM Nicola Lassnig (Parent) NL</p>		
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	AB thanked everyone for attending and welcomed new parent members.		
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Some parents unable to attend - KM and NL		
3.	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b>	<p><b>Parent Forum Policy</b> – Shared with new members and expectations explained. Parents encouraged to bring ideas and concerns of parents to future meetings. Meetings to be held once a term - at least six meetings over the year. Minutes to be shared with all parents.</p> <p><b>Return to school and COVID restrictions</b> Staggered start/Finish times Masks <b>Rising 4's</b> Sessions uploaded to FB and balloons and leaflets distributed to local nurseries. AB thanked parent members for helping promote the school and giving up their time.</p>	Share minutes with Parents	KL

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	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b>	<p><b>Role of the PSA</b> – Coffee mornings in the local café cancelled due to school closure. Continuing to recruit parent members and build positive relationships.</p> <p><b>Zebra Crossing</b> – School access. Site Manager opened case with KCC for more signage near entrance.</p> <p><b>PSHE</b> – Curriculum plans shared</p>		
4.	<b>COVID</b>	<p><b>How did parents feel about the school closure?</b></p> <p>All parents felt school closing was the right thing to do and thanked the AB .</p>		
5.	<b>Remote Learning</b>	<p><b>Parent experiences</b></p> <p>Teacher daily contact – Parents felt supported and lesson content was engaging and fun.</p> <p>Parents felt at ease knowing children were still able to access education through online sessions.</p> <p>Parents with younger children felt they were at a disadvantage not having any access to technology or teacher led sessions. Parents felt the paper packs received wasn't enough to keep the children motivated and felt they could achieve more if they had a combination of learning resources. AB explained it would not be possible for KS1 children to follow sessions online for long periods of time but agreed there are activities they could participate in if supported by an adult at home.</p> <p>Attendance – we will be following Government advise and continue to complete the attendance register for pupils who are receiving remote education and monitor engagement.</p> <p>Government review for future remote learning – AB advised should school or a bubble be closed in the future online learning will be capped at 3hrs per day.</p>		
6.	<b>PSHE</b>	<p>PSHE Scheme – How do parents feel about this?</p> <p>Parents feel positive and supported knowing children are being taught about friendships and relationships in school. AB explained PSHE will be taught in stages Yr1-Yr6. AB informed parents they have the right to withdraw their children in Yr6.</p>		

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		<p><b>Parent suggestions</b></p> <p>Parents suggested that children have an anonymous box should they feel unsure about any content and need further inputs or explanations.</p> <p><b>Parent updates</b></p> <p>Parents would like to be informed when/what PHSE is being delivered so they can prepare themselves and support their children's understanding. AB explained this would be covered in the termly newsletters but suggested we use WEDUC to communicate any PSHE updates with parents.</p>		
7.	<b>Any Other Urgent Business</b>	<p><b>Social Media – Parent Groups.</b></p> <p>Thistle Hill – New Parent FB Group to be set up by Thistle Hills current parents and admin rights to be shared among Parent Forum Members to regulate and ensure positive messages are conveyed.</p>	Set up new FB page to use as a positive platform for Thistle Hill and encourage parents to come together as a school community.	DWG
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	TBC	Confirm date of next meeting	AB