

Minutes of the Parent Forum Thistle Hill Academy Friday 5th March 2021

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
	Meeting opened at 2pm – 2.45pm. Microsoft Teams	<p>Attendees Annette Bevan (Headteacher) AB Kelly Lupson (PSA) KL Samantha Kendall (Parent) SK Danielle Wilsher-Graves (Parent) DWG Joanne Stevenson (Parent) JS Victoria Clarke (Parent) VC Nicola Lassnig (Parent) NL</p> <p>Invited Keeley Miller (Parent) KM Chloe Johnson (CJ) Samantha Kew (Parent) SK</p>		
1.	Welcome	AB thanked everyone for attending.		
2.	Apologies for absence	Unable to attend – CJ, KM, SK		
3.	Minutes from previous meeting	<p>Attendance Policy – shared with parents. School targets outlined and how Ofsted analyse school attendance.</p> <p>Punctuality – How lateness impacts others.</p> <p>Home Visits – Parents were informed Home Visits were being carried out during COVID if parents/carers could not be reached.</p> <p>Holiday requests – Cancellations as a result of COVID and rebooking process. Parents raised concerns around dates companies would offer may be during term time. Taken to the board for further consideration.</p>		

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	Minutes from previous meeting	<p>Remote Learning Policy KS2 – Longer breaks being given. KS3 –TA catch up calls.</p> <p>Parent Facebook Group – Parents and Families at Thistle Hill. Group administrators confirmed. CJ appointed for members to reach out to should they need additional information regarding parent queries.</p>		
4.	Behaviour Policy	<p>Shared with Parents one week in advance.</p> <p>AB shared policy during the meeting and parents had familiarised themselves with the policy prior to the meeting.</p> <p>AB welcomed parents views of the policy and asked parents if felt they had a clear understanding. AB explained TH's restorative justice approach in the classroom and how this approach allows each child to take responsibility for their own actions. DWG agreed and felt this was good approach in the class room.</p> <p>All PFM members were happy with the policy.</p>		
5.	Holiday requests (COVID – Cancellations)	<p>AB shared response from board members and discussed in detail.</p> <p>AB explained headteachers will be unable to authorise COVID related holiday loss/changes during term time nor can they be considered exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Holiday requests would not be granted during term time as a result of COVID cancellations or additional costs incurred. AB explained the board felt the Government would not support schools approving term time holidays given the amount of lost learning time over the past year and moving forward the focus is catch up.</p> <p>Letter from the board was shared with PFM.</p>		
6.	Wellbeing – TH Pupils TH Parents/Carers	<p>AB outlined schools plan for the first week back to ensure all children settle back to school life with ease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB explained children will not be using technology for the remainder of Term 4 to give pupils a break from Technology. 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter sent to parents/carers on 25.02 outlining school plans and how children will be supported back to school. • Social Story emailed out for Parents to share with pupils prior to returning. • AB explained on the 4th March children will be encouraged to reconnect with friends and teachers will provide children with opportunities to get to know each other again and be able to share lockdown experiences. • PHSE Lessons will support children and encourage them to talk about their feeling and understand their emotions. • Each class will have an emotional check in and worry monster so that children's well-being and anxieties can be identified and monitored. • Bereavement toolkit – others one to one support for children that need it. <p>Parent/Carer Resources</p> <p>Resources shared on WeDuc. KL asked Group Administrators to also share these resources on the Parent FB page.</p>		
7.	Any Other Urgent Business	Parent Behaviour Policy – To be shared/reviewed at next meeting.		
8.	Date of Next Meeting	TBC	Confirm date of next meeting	AB