

Emmbrook Infant School Parents Forum

Friday 26th January 2018 9-10am

In attendance:

Christine Adkins

Kate Benson (minutes)

Emma Wilkinson

Catherine Stott

Corrina Gillard (Head teacher)

Katherine Pritchard (chair)

Mell Morris

Karen Norcutt

Apologies

None

Review of last minutes

Minutes approved and agreed or to be discussed during the meeting

Gate opening/closing & children safety/car movement on site – still an issue, suggestions: laminated sign (CG)

Pedestrian Crossing – increased from 5 seconds on green to 10 seconds; it is improvement, KB to email WBC to thank for the increase, but also to request and increase to 15 seconds.

1. Reps

Current members	
Green Cygnets – Christine Leddy/ vacant	Red Cygnets – Karen Norcutt (new member)
Robins - Mell Morris, Kate Benson	Swans – Catherine Stott (new member)
Kingfishers - Katherine Pritchard, Emma Wilkinson	Woodpeckers - Christine Leddy

Ideally to recruit either a green cygnet or woodpecker parent. CL discussing with parents

New members to read terms of reference.

Photos of reps have been sent to Heli to be put up outside each classroom.

2. Library Update - ideas to drum up business?

CL: not a good uptake by the children, volunteer parent rota works well, suggestion to put up a sign on the noticeboard by Kingfishers classroom advertising Tues-Thurs 3:20-4:45 (MM to create poster);

Children to design poster, to go home in book bags (KP)

3. Wrap Around Care update

- Expanding the current provision is feasible, but the cost is the limitation.
- Energy Kidz have approached CG and are contacting the senior school to investigate the space.
- KB will put an article in the Joel Park Residents Association newsletter highlighting to the community that there is a need and provide the details of how to register.
- There is an ongoing governor working group (joint EIS and EJS working group) investigating the issue.
- Freemasons could be approached for ideas and donations
- Request for further suggestions.

4. Emails received to the forum

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- **Toileting**

Confirmed by CG that there are only 3 times of the day where children are not allowed to go to the toilet; 3x15 minutes in the day, which is the input of the lesson where the teachers is teaching a new concept, explaining the details of lesson and what the children need to do; 09:30-09:45, 11:00-11:15 & 13:30-13:45; It was confirmed that teachers are reminding children & the children are aware of the carpet time. The children can put their hands up and ask to go to the toilet at all other times and they are always allowed.

- **Vomiting bug**

Main occurrence was over a 5 week period. Over this period each week there was 9, 1, 4, 6, 1 occurrences in each week respectively; Only 2 instances of sickness on carpet which were deep cleaned in accordance with guidelines. School contacted NHS and these numbers are not considered an outbreak; Schools that were closing had over 200 cases; Cleaning has been increased, children educated on sneezing, hand washing and general cleanliness at assemblies and by teachers. Mr Tom was cleaning twice a day.

There was a query raised about lack of soap - CG confirmed that the office staff checked and 1 dispenser was empty and was refilled when it was reported by a child, at all times there was at least one soap dispenser with soap in any toilet area. The office staff are in contact with NHS England for advice as required and communicate to the parents via scopay mail.

- **Social Media Discussion**

Reinforced the message that social media sites are good for community engagement, but any issues specific to your child should be discussed with the teacher in the first instance. The school has an open door policy, please do come and speak directly with your child's teacher.

- **Junior School Cycling on site**

Email sent out and discussed with the children recently by Mr Fenton; parents to monitor this.

5. AOB

- **MGR development** - Bovis representative (Chelsea Riley, from Cratus

Communications) met with CG to discuss whether there is anything from the Matthewsgreen development that is affecting the community; Parents to contact school if there is anything to raise.

- **EIS & EJS Schools PTA** – there is a real need for new PTA committee members due to current members with children leaving the school at the end of the year; the PTA raises ~£15k each year for both schools and is an essential part of the school budget especially in the current circumstances of school funding, which is being cut year-on-year. This is to be the focus topic for next term's meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 2nd March 2018 – 9am

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