

DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2016 AT 9.00AM**

Present: Mrs C Hancy Mr S Parkinson
Mrs Reid (Y3/4JD) Mrs Rees-Gay (Y3/4 KS)
Mrs L Perry (YY3/4 CT/SJ) Mrs S Crossley (Y6)
Mrs R Calvert (Y2) Mrs C Whitford (Y1 CR)
Mrs M Scaife (Rec)

In attendance: Mrs S Brandon

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1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Mrs L Battle (Y1 CR)</p>	
2.	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Everyone was introduced and parents were welcomed by SP, who explained that the panel had been established to consult and lobby parental opinion on a whole range of relevant topics. Discussions from this forum then feed into all the information considered by the school in policy and decision making. Past issues considered by the panel included toilet provision throughout the school, homework and school lunches.</p> <p>It was noted that since the circulation of the agenda, a considerable number of items had been brought up with the class representatives and that as there may be insufficient time to address all these, some of these topics identified may be deferred to a future meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the future, a longer period should be allowed between circulation of the agenda and the date of the meeting, to give class representatives time to collect all relevant comments from their classes.</p>	
2.	<p><u>School Surroundings</u></p> <p>Infant Playground – MS raised concerns regarding the ‘table’ in the stoned area. Parents noted that children had been climbing on it. It is often slippery and concern was that children may fall. Parents are unsure what this piece of equipment is and what the point of it is. CH advised that it is indeed a table and is used as such by adults and groups of children working outdoors. She further explained that children in school are told that they should not climb up on to it. Another parental concern was children swinging on a piece of equipment over the stones. CH explained that the piece of equipment in question was obsolete and would be removed as and when the playground equipment was re-modelled/replaced. CH agreed to write to all parents asking them not to let their children climb on or swing on this equipment when waiting in the infant playground and the message would be reiterated with children in school also. CH went on to explain the financial situation in schools for such works, advising how the devolved capital received by the school, which could be used this kind of improvement, had dwindled over the years. Markings on the playground were also discussed.</p>	CH

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	<p>Parents questioned the safety of some items within the outdoor classroom area – tyres and metal letters in particular. CH will inspect and take action if necessary.</p> <p>Junior Gates Area – Safety in this area had been raised by parents from more than one class. There was a concern that the area is too congested by parents waiting outside the gates, obstructing visibility and in some cases causing people to step onto the road. The position of the salt bin was questioned and CH agreed to consider asking CYC to relocate. Parking issues were also raised and CH explained the legal position regarding the yellow road markings. After some discussion, it was agreed that CH would write to parents again regarding these issues. CH would also consider asking some of the children to write to parents regarding parking and safety.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>
3.	<p><u>School Trips, Sports Premium & School Uniform Ordering</u></p> <p>As LB had been unable to attend the meeting, RC put forward the points which LB had previously added to the agenda.</p> <p>School Trips – Parents had enquired whether there is a policy for only having one trip each year in the infants and asked for more exciting days out. CH explained that these trips had to be topic related and were not just a ‘treat’. There is also a financial consideration for parents. CH will feed comments back to staff.</p> <p>Sports Premium – Parents were enquiring about provision of clubs and activities as it is felt that there is not as much for younger children. CH explained that sports premium is to be used for curriculum development/CPD for staff and is not used to fund clubs. She also explained that after school activities for reception were usually left until the summer term, as it makes the day too long for new starters in the autumn term.</p> <p>School Uniform Ordering – It was suggested using Tesco’s uniform service. It was pointed out that several parents had suggested alternative suppliers. Some parents want on-line ordering. Other parents were very happy with the quality of the garments from the current supplier. CH agreed that school would contact current supplier to discuss what parents are asking for and would look into alternative suppliers. School could potentially invite several suppliers into school to display and parents could vote for the one they wanted, in the same way that the school photographer was chosen. Parents asked if school was paid commission on uniform and photographs and were advised that it does.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>SB/HH</p>
4.	<p><u>Parentpay, E-safety Feedback, Parental Events</u></p> <p>Parentpay – currently set up for school meal payments and email. Feedback from parents was positive. CH explained that now we have got used to using the system, the next step will be to introduce on-line payment for other items, such as trips. Hopefully this will be from September. The £10 minimum payment was discussed – it was explained that this was to keep bank charges to a minimum. Parents had not realised that school would pay charges on payments. A suggestion that parents pay £10 at the beginning of the year for trips and incidentals will be considered. SB will find out how this could work on Parentpay.</p>	<p>SB</p>

