

**27th May 2021**

**Re: May Parent Council Meeting Feedback Responses May 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Council, can we thank all the parents and carers who shared feedback and questions for the last Parent Council meeting. Below are the responses and answers received to these points which have been combined into topics.

**Sharing Feedback With The Council:**

Our next Council Member meeting will be held on June 16th. Please share any further feedback via your Class Representative, by emailing Parent Council [alexandraschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraschoolpc@gmail.com) or the [Google Feedback Form](#).

**June Meeting Focus - Communication:**

Our next meeting will address points raised and we are especially interested in receiving feedback on School Communication - what works for you, what doesn't work any thoughts or feedback you would like to share that can help the school develop their communication.

This will be shared with the Senior Leaders and an update provided following the first Parent Council meeting in September 2021 (date tbc).

If feedback can be received by **Friday 11th June 6pm** it will allow us to add to the agenda or send responses before the meeting..

Can we wish you all a very relaxing Half Term.

Best wishes,

**Elinor Olisa Barikor & Kerry Brady**

Co-Chairs

Topic	Combined Feedback	School Response
<b>Outdoor play and exercise</b>		
Playtimes	Play and exercise is especially important post-lockdown. Parents asked about more time outdoors at lunchtime, e.g. eating lunch outside, whether all children, including Reception, were getting equal access to the play equipment, whether the Daily Mile can be reinstated, and access to shade.	Play and exercise are essential. As a school we have introduced exercise sessions for all year groups before school and all year groups now have an additional afternoon break. With Covid cases in Kingston currently double the London average, we need to maintain the integrity of the year group bubbles but we are hopeful that more frequent visits to Richmond Park and clubs restarting will help this situation.
Richmond Park	Parents asked whether the children be taken to Richmond Park for learning and forest school activities (other local schools are there regularly).	All classes will be going to Richmond Park this term.
<b>Lunches</b>		
Lunches	Parents asked for an update on the process to select a new school lunch supplier, whether the school can review the nutritional content of school lunches and were keen to feed back to ISS on how to make improvements now.	We have now heard from the local authority that a new school meal provider has been selected.  We will run a workshop for parents next half term to discuss the plan for the new provider, Caterlink, going forwards.

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<b>Parent / carer communication</b>		
Parent / teacher communication	Parents asked for a review of how we contact teachers (we don't always want to send sensitive info via the office), whether there will be another parent consultation this year and/or an opportunity to see children's work. A parent asked for more quantified, regular feedback on academic performance, which will help parents to target assistance and plan. Daily / weekly class updates are valuable, but all classes no longer have whiteboards outside, and the online class blogs haven't been updated regularly.	Following the Parent Council meeting, class blogs have restarted for all year groups to ensure regular communication.  We have just finished summative assessments with the children. The outcomes from these will be included in end of year reports, which will be distributed to parents in July. If parents would like to have a consultation at this point, they will be offered to parents before the end of the academic year.
Parent / school communication	Parents suggested reviewing and streamlining parent / school communications. There is interest in revamping the newsletter format. Ideas include making it more succinct and easy to scan for key info, involving the children in producing content and reintroducing birthdays. ParentMail may not be so effective since the update, as all emails are no longer forwarded straight to parents' main inboxes. Parents suggested looking into translation needs for school/parent communications.	The Parent Council have agreed to explore communication as the next topic in the summer term.
<b>Communication of Year 5 changes</b>		

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Communication of Year 5 changes	Can school confirm details of the new three-class set up in Year 5?	Communicated via Parent Mail 10/05/21
<b>Residentials</b>		
Residentials	What is the intention regarding residential trips for the older year groups?	We are investigating residential trips for the next school year.
<b>Uniforms</b>		
Uniforms - changes	Can the uniform be reviewed at the same time as the school logo? Parents expressed interest in a gender neutral uniform that is comfortable and promotes physical activity (e.g. including trainers for daily wear).	This will be explored at the same time.
Uniforms - clarification	Uniform clarification: Should school dresses be blue or navy check (previous communication has been inconsistent)? Can children wear nail varnish?	Communicated via newsletter. Dresses can be any blue. Nail varnish is not allowed
<b>Learning</b>		
Homework	Google Classroom doesn't work so well for those without printers. Is it possible to have printed maths sheets for those who require them?	Of course - please inform the class teacher
Outside speakers	Can more outside speakers be brought in to bring real-life context to curriculum learning, e.g. parents and STEM Ambassadors?	We would value this opportunity and would encourage any parents with contacts to inform the class teachers or the school office.
Creativity / the arts	Are creative activities (e.g. art, singing, music) being prioritised as part of the post-lockdown recovery?	We offer a broad curriculum offer with equal time being allocated to all foundation subjects. Please see the

		senior leader presentation slides in response to this question.
<b>Holiday camps and after-school clubs</b>		
Holiday camp provision	Can we know the summer holiday camp dates asap so we can plan childcare? Will we be able to use childcare vouchers?	These will be communicated after half term. Childcare vouchers are still being investigated by Our Parks
Activity clubs	What are the plans for clubs? Parents are keen to know asap so we can plan childcare, and also keen that there is a wider selection. There is also interest in a new art club to replace SketchBetter. Are these allocated in the best way (some miss out due to first come, first served).	We are currently looking at the range of clubs for next year. A survey was sent to parents asking which clubs they would like to see.
After-school club	Has school considered using ESG or similar to run the after-school club, like St Paul's? Can after-school club run on first and last days of term?	We are proud to run in house provision for breakfast and after school clubs. This helps to generate essential funds for the school. We are happy to run this on the first and last days of term but only if there is sufficient interest. Previously we have offered this and the number attending as not covered the costs of facilitating the provision.
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Fundraising	Can we have an update on how PSA fundraising is spent?	We will ask the PSA to share this to start the new academic year.
<b>The environment</b>		

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The environment	What is the school's response to the global environmental crisis? E.g. can we ban glitter, plant trees along roadsides, grow veg and incorporate them into school lunches?	As a school, we are committed to minimising our environmental impact. Working with our new catering provider we are hopeful that we can incorporate home grown produce into school lunches and reduce waste and single use plastic. This would be an excellent topic for the Parent Council to explore with the school next year.
<b>COVID</b>		
Hand sanitisers	Can we use hand sanitiser with moisturiser? Many children have dry, cracked hands.	Trial of a hand sanitiser with aloe vera now running for reception and year 1
Lateral Flow Tests	Will the school receive and distribute other Lateral Flow Testing kits?	Actioned
<b>Other</b>		
Friendship vouchers	Are there alternatives to friendship vouchers, which can cause issues?	We have not been informed about this but we would encourage any parents raising this to contact the school.
Morning sessions for Year 5	Will morning catch up/booster sessions be starting again for Year 5 children?	We have introduced a third teacher into Year 5 to provide additional support in smaller classes.
Behaviour	Can children who are walking home alone be reminded that they must always represent the school as often they will be seen by younger pupils.	The Year 6 teachers will address this but please contact the school if any concerns are seen.
School photos	Will there be a school photo?	Class photos arranged. Individual photos will happen in the autumn term
Class structure	Will the Year 2 classes be mixed as they move into Year 3 in September?	We will update parents on this after half term
Organisation	Is there a master diary to avoid	Diary now at the bottom of the

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	conflicts such as maths v catch PE in Year 1?	newsletter
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