

Ferryhill Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3rd February 2021

Location: Online via Teams

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Present: Lindsay Fallon, Lynne Adamson, Dawn Adamson, Alison Scott, Nicola Symington, Felicity Martin

Apologies: Musarah Junaid

1. Thank You: A massive Thank You from the Parent Council to the School and all the Teachers for all the hard work getting home learning to the great place it is now.
2. Home Learning: Feedback has been very positive. Most classes are getting a good balance of work. The only negative heard by the parent council is that a couple of classes are not receiving work differentiated by level i.e. if there are 4 literacy groups only 1 literacy worksheet is being sent out not 4 different levels of sheet. However most classes are receiving this. Stewart advised that the guidelines given to teachers are that there should be different levels of work available so this should now be happening. The live lessons are very popular with children and are allowing for great interactions with the teachers and the rest of the class. Weekly tasks and the Science fair are brilliant. The Learning support group on TEAMS has also been improved. Teachers worked really hard with planning prior to Christmas to get ready for remote learning. They have worked on feedback from the previous lockdown and the points raised in the parent survey.
3. TEAMS uptake: This is increasing especially as word about the interactive elements is spreading it is encouraging more to come online. There are a lot of parents wanting paper worksheets however the School is trying to encourage as many pupils as possible to come online so they receive the benefit of the teachers and class support.
4. Ipads: kids who are most in need of support getting online have been identified and ipads are being sent out to these kids. Stewart has also tried to order Myfi units to help those with no internet connection but these have not yet been received. An order was placed for 16 additional ipads back in September which have not been received yet. Stewart to send details to Lynne so she can assist in chasing this up. There is money in the budget to order more Ipads however if they are not received by the end of the year then the money will show as unspent and be taken off next years budget as well as being charged on next years budget. Stewart is trying to arrange an exception for this Lynne will support this with her Council locality contacts.
5. P1-P3 return: No information has yet been received by the council to clarify what will be happening in regards to return of younger years following the First Ministers

announcement. Stewart will send an update to parents explaining that there are no details yet and he will update once these become available.

6. Head teacher update:

- The School is arranging a Childrens Voice survey to get their views on Home Learning
- The Hub is busy with 85 children registered and approximately 60 kids on a day.