

**St Katherine's School
Parent/Carer Association Meeting
8 October 2020
6.30pm**

1. Welcome

- Mr Maw: Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral), Miss Richards: Deputy Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
- Parent Association members introductions
- The session is being recorded and will be shared.

2. Previous Meeting

- Charities – Heads of House will be leading on this during the year
- School day- changed further to accommodate the current situation

3. Feedback

From the start of term

- Mr Maw gave an overview of the changes to the school day and site.
- There have been some real benefits of the changes.
- We have been really impressed by the resilience students have shown since returning from lockdown.
- 75% of students have less than 1 a negative a week. On average, students are awarded 15+ positives a week. A large number of students have no negative points.
- Miss Richards provided an overview of the changes in the classroom linked to questioning and the expectation that students take books home.

Parent feedback: a smooth and positive start to the term. Being able to more regularly discuss learning in books has been a beneficial change. It has been positive

Action: Miss Richards to look into the setting of homework to ensure students are given appropriate deadlines.

Buses

- Mr Maw discussed that the transport model is now in house. We are aware that some children are still waiting for places on the buses and we are working to resolve this.
- Students have allocated seats on buses and sit in year group blocks when on the bus to minimise mixing.

Parent feedback: the use of parent pay for transport is a useful change and changes have been communicated well.

Action: SKA to encourage cycling more widely in school communication

Lunch time

- Students have designated indoor and outdoor spaces. All students have access to an indoor area if the weather is poor. We are currently reviewing the Year 7 and 8 outside areas so that we can maximise their space.

Parent feedback: On occasions, there is limited food left for some students at lunch/break in Year 7.

Action: Mr Maw to investigate which groups this has affected

Learning@home

Miss Richards provided an overview of the new Learning@Home system.

Parent Feedback: a more interactive learning@home programme which follows the school timetable received positive feedback

The relationships formed with tutors over lockdown were positive and something that parents would like to continue.

It can be difficult to keep on top of where resources are posted and manage multiple emails from google classroom.

Action: Mr Francis Black to consider google organisation lessons for students during tutor time

Action: Mr Francis Black to share a parent platform guide

4.Uniform

- Mr Maw outlined the reason behind our uniform focus and next steps.
- We are aware that members of our community are experiencing financial difficulties. We therefore have a fund in school to support alongside a large number of school shoes for students to use temporarily.
- We are considering bringing the uniform supplier in line with the trust suppliers. This company have a shop in Bristol and we may be able to reduce the cost.
- We are considering branded unisex skirt and trousers.

Parent feedback: Are the new supplier's sizes appropriate for all students

A school led second-hand shop would be very useful

Action: Mr Maw to discuss the need for a wide range of sizes/lengths with the new uniform supplier

Action: Mr Maw to consider second-hand uniform provision

5. Other feedback

Classcharts is a useful link between school and home. Mr Maw encouraged parents to contact tutors if they are ever unsure of why their child has received a negative point.

Road safety-Mr Maw has spoken to a minority of students and their parents about road safety.

Action: Mr Maw will reinforce this message in school

5. Governing Body:

William Harding (Chair of Governors) encouraged interested members of the group to join the governing body as there is currently a parent governor vacancy. More information can be found in recent parent communication.

5.Future agenda items

To be shared by Julie Moller

6. Date of next meeting 27 January 2021

Thank you for sharing your thoughts this evening. Please contact us by phone or email if you have any other thoughts/questions.