



ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held by video conference on Wednesday 17th June at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Parent Council Members: Anisah Ijaz, Merle Stevenson, Carolyn Tribble, Florence Crozier, Keliann Arthur, Ian Bruce, Anne-Marie Gregory, Antoinette Cherubini, Louise Harland.

In Attendance: Stephen Phee – Rector, Anne Hemfrey - Clerk

The purpose of this meeting was for Stephen Phee to explain the school's plan for the return of pupils in August in line with Government guidance on social distancing. The standard agenda was not therefore followed.

AUGUST RETURN TO SCHOOL

Stephen explained in detail the school's proposals for managing the return of pupils in August at the start of term. Stephen and his staff had all done a great deal of work to ensure that the number of pupils in the school at any one time met all the criteria laid down by the Government in terms of social distancing. This would inevitably result in no pupils being in school on a full time basis – they would be attending for approx. 5 days out of every 15 days. This meant that a programme of “blended learning” would be followed.

Post Meeting Note: The detailed plan is not recorded here, as following that meeting, advice from the Scottish government has changed and it now appears that two metre distancing between pupils and pupils/staff may no longer be required, in which case the arrangements for classroom sizes, school buses etc will change.

The current statement on the Government's website from the Education Recovery Group is as follows:

“To provide clarity to staff, parents and pupils, the group agreed to provide advice that enables a decision on whether it is safe for pupils to return to schools on a full-time basis as soon as possible, and no later than July 30th”.

THANKS TO STAFF

Anisah asked Stephen to pass on the Parent Council's thanks to all the staff for the exemplary way they have supported and assisted pupils during lock down.

FUTURE UPDATES - WEBSITE

Stephen advised everyone to regularly check the school website for updates on developments regarding return to school.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 7pm, by video conference.