



ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held by video conference on Thursday 6th August at 7pm.

PRESENT:

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

Councillors: James Kerr, Pat Reid

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

Apologies: Steve Feltbower, Florence Crozier

The purpose of this meeting was for Stephen Phee to update the Parent Council on the latest Government guidance regarding the return of pupils next week.

The standard agenda was not therefore followed.

START OF TERM

Stephen drew everyone's attention to the draft risk assessment and information for parents circulated by Anisah earlier today.

It is the Scottish Government's intention that all pupils are returning to school full time in August. Different year groups will attend on each day of the first week. The schedule is as follows:

Week commencing 10th August

Mon 10 & Tues 11 Aug - In service days (staff only)

Wed 12 Aug - S4, S5 & S6 back for 1 day

Thur 13 Aug - S2, S3 back for 1 day

Fri 14 Aug - S1 back for 1 day

Week commencing 17 Aug

From the 17th August all pupils will be in school. See the information leaflet for parents referred to above for details of the school day (attached with these minutes).

RISK ASSESSMENT

Stephen explained that the draft risk assessment prepared by the school (attached to these minutes) and submitted to Falkirk Council was returned today with a few amendments eg all visitors to the school have to wear face masks and the numbers allowed to use the toilets at any one time must be clearly indicated.

The final risk assessment will be approved by Falkirk Council on Monday and will be posted on the school website on Tuesday.

Stephen stressed that all the school can do is minimize the risk – it is impossible to eliminate it completely.

All the above information is being put on the website, on Twitter and a Group Call email will be sent to parents. Mrs Farley will do a power point presentation in the classroom for pupils at the start of term.

TIMETABLES

Timetables will be given on the first day of school.

SCHOOL SPORTS

The advice note from the Council is not clear on whether changing rooms can be used. At present it is likely that pupils will not wear uniform on PE days but told to wear suitable outdoor clothing. Stephen will clarify the position at the start of term.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Buses will operate as normal. However, parents should not be giving lifts in their cars to pupils from other families as 2m distancing cannot be maintained. With regard to taxis, no taxi journeys to transport pupils to other schools will take place. All such lessons will be done online.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

This will be in the form of “Grab and Go” bags. Online payments can be made to top up meal cards.

4th, 5th and 6th years will still be allowed out at lunchtime. However, it was pointed out that due to the restricted numbers allowed in shops at present, it was likely that very long queues will form at these shops and pupils will be considerably delayed returning to afternoon lessons. It may well therefore be appropriate to recommend that pupils bring packed lunches.

UNIFORM

The uniform shop in Falkirk is now open. There are plenty of blazers in the shop.

MUSIC LESSONS

No choirs or shows until further notice. No sharing of wind instruments. It is not yet clear whether peripatetic music teachers will be allowed to move from school to school as previously. Awaiting advice.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

There is no working time agreement in place yet regarding reports to parents. There will be no parents' evenings. It has still to be agreed how feedback to parents will be undertaken.

LAST YEAR'S PUPILS

Stephen thinks that the hoodies are now in the school. He will get update on the Prom.

SQA RESULTS

Initial indications are that the results are pretty good. Appeals have to be in by 14th August. Full information on the results to be presented at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - AGM

The next meeting would normally be the AGM in September/October. It may be possible to have this in the Assembly Hall with appropriate social distancing. Stephen to check with Falkirk Council. Date to be advised once we have that advice.