PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

16 JUNE 2026

Introduction

Parent Co-chairs Kieran and Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting. A small number of parents attended from across the year groups plus Mrs Cawte.

Agenda:

- Pick up and drop off
- Racism
- Behaviour
- Summer Fair
- Change of timings on Wednesdays
- School reports
- Communications

Pick up and drop off

- Can the school raise concerns with the council to improve safety and cleanliness around the school?
    - Can the council provide no smoking / vaping signs outside of the school entrance?
        - Ongoing smoking at pick up times despite reminders
        - Cigarette ends, vape litter and general rubbish around gates
    - Dogs off leads around school park and fouling on route used by families
    - Overflowing bins near school
    - Cyclists using pedestrian routes
    - Abandoned Lime bikes blocking paths
- Jodie suggested that we can look at introducing signs
- Jodie suggested that we can look at contacting the Mayor and Lewisham council but asked for parents to do the same, as if everyone did this it can't be ignored.
- There was a suggestion to contact counsellors first.

Racism

- What further work is being done to address racism in school? How is the school continuing to promote inclusion, challenge discrimination and support affected pupils?
- Jodie explained that the school has been working hard with new racial literacy lessons, and lots of work around ‘Show racism the red card’
- There are eight lessons per year
- Education starts off looking at stories to raise awareness and then looks at scenarios as the children get older.
- There will be more visits to places of worship from next year.
- There was a suggestion that perhaps we need another letter on racism for awareness; both of the issue and what the school is doing

Behaviour

- Assunta and Carla provided an update on behaviour
- There are 16 lessons per year which tend to happen in autumn term
- Restorative conversations are having better impacts on children
- School counselling services start in September, once per fortnight – up to 8 children for up to 12 weeks (will accept teachers and parents if spaces)
- These sessions are not the same as therapy – it is a counselling service
- The school is going for silver accreditation next

Summer Fair

- There were lots of positive comments about the fair, including the set up and layout, the parent stools with great games and activities, and the location of food and drink.
- Observation that we need more food and drinks next time.
- Request to communicate earlier with reps on the support needed.
- There was an observation, and frustration, that it is always the same parents helping out. The question in the room was how can we encourage further participation from a wider pool of parents.
- There was an agreement for reps to arrive earlier to the school ahead of the Summer Fair.
- Request for a letter that lists all of the ways that parents can support in one place so reps can share in groups.
- Request for the school to report how much was raised so parents can see the results of their hard work and participation

- It was noted that selling tokens causes large queues at the entrance. A suggestion was to set up the token selling outside the gates ahead of the gates opening, subject to availability of people to manage the stand.
- Question raised on whether we need a different entrance and exit to allow for pick up with no congestion around classrooms.

Change of timings on Wednesdays

- There is a feeling that the survey was sent but whatever the outcome it will go ahead. Comment about the day- a Wednesday, Friday more favourable?
- There was also acknowledgement that responses had been few and parents suggestion that few responses were because most parents were fine with the proposal so therefore did not comment.
- Jodie confirmed that it is just a consultation – no formal decision as yet.
- The Governors set the school day and are looking at feedback before making a decision.
- Jodie outlined that legally, teachers are working more than their contracted hours and there is a small amount of time that Jodie can ask of teachers above their time with the children, which is the most important thing – including getting in at 8.30, and having a weekly meeting,
- JAG have agreed to waive any additional fee for the earlier start on a Wednesday
- The school are determined for it not to have any financial impact on families forever.
- This is not about reducing teacher work hours, it's about increasing the standards

Uploading of school reports

- Request was made to consider not sending reports out on the last day of term. They don't land until after half term due to the system and doesn't allow parents to work with their children during the break.
- This was a technical issue, not a timing issue - should be resolved now for future report circulation

Communications

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- Communications have improved, however there are still some issues.
- Mistakes have been made in newsletters with some dates being added incorrectly and some stuff being missed out (Reception sports day)
- Request for the school to try to not leave things until the last minute
- Jodie told us that someone new will be starting soon to manage all communication.