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Parent Council.

23rd March 2021

In Attendance - Miss Quail, Mrs Carroll, Miss Parker, Mrs Walker, Mrs O'Connor, Mr Callaghan, Miss Daly, Mrs Allan, Miss Jones, Cllr Nailon

Apologies - Cllr Ross, Mrs Waugh, Mrs McDermott

Welcome	Miss Quail welcomed all attendees in our virtual Parent Council meeting.
Opening Prayer	Led by Mrs Walker. Thank you.
Minutes of last Meeting	~ No actions outstanding.
Correspondence	~ No correspondence received.
Update from HT re Covid & school business (survey results / P1 enrolments / school building)	<p>~ Miss Quail advised that the school had yesterday had it's first positive COVID case. There are well established systems in place to identify close contacts and this was made easier as was an older pupil. There are a group of children currently isolating who will be tested and complete isolation period before returning. There were no staff effected and systems in place worked perfectly.</p> <p>~ Senior pupils have now settled well back at school and have returned to established routines. Miss Parker is currently covering class time and highlighted the kids have been getting on well with return and work. It has again been a strange time in the school calendar as usual Lenten activities have been scaled back as a result of restrictions. There is consideration being given to possible online activities/crafts for Easter and all will be posted on GC. There will be Easter balloon display leading up to school break.</p> <p>~Mrs Carroll advised STEM week took place for P1-3 in school and P4-7 via GC. This was tricky to plan as had to be mindful of making manageable for both maintaining bubbles and provision. Making sure that the activities were fun but also user friendly for parents completing at home. Mill Rd Co-Op donated almost all resources used for in school activities in return for promoting a poster competition taking place within the shop.</p> <p>~ Evaluation feedback after STEM week completed has been really good and Mrs Carroll plans to publish this to parents. All in the kids loved it and has been a big success.</p> <p>~ Update on breakfast cubs - these will potentially resume after the Easter break. SLC support services coordinator will be attending school to complete risk assessment this week. Plan needs to be established about keeping bubbles separate. There are 32 bubbles across the school and would be unable to accommodate this in the dinner hall.</p>

	<p>~ 2 possible options for provision - cap numbers able to attend to 16 pupils and run Google form on first come, first serve basis. Or operate Toast and Go system where children get breakfast and head outside. Toast and Go would potentially still mean bubbles are mixing outside and weather is not reliable.</p> <p>~ Clubs will only need staff input, no parent helpers will be required due to reduced attendance numbers and increased risk of additional bodies in school.</p> <p>~ Will be looking to compare to other schools and complete walk through of plans/procedures as part of the risk assessment.</p> <p>~ After discussion throughout Parent Council, it is felt that offering reduced number and google booking on first come basis would be most suitable option. Miss Quail advised google survey/booking option would be sent to parent this week.</p>
PTFA - update	<p>~ Mrs Waugh has emailed to advise there are limited plans in place atm for some Easter activity, possible raffles etc to be held via Facebook page.</p> <p>~ PTFA continue to be conscious of the ongoing lockdown and financial constraints that some families may currently be facing and as such things have been quite quiet.</p>
AOCB	<p>~ Miss Quail highlighted some lessons learned from the first COVID case response. The experience has shown the need for flexibility in smaller class sizes. It is difficult to keep bubbles on friendship/limiting. As with all things there are learning points and has shown things may not always be straight forward, this could especially be the case in infant classes.</p> <p>~ Cllr Nailon emphasised that it had been a pleasure to take part in this evenings meeting and that it was lovely to hear such positivity.</p>
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 18 th May 2021 -6.30pm