

## Parent Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### In attendance:

KP  
Sarah Holliday (R)  
Sarah Cummings (2)  
Mary MacAulay (3)  
Marie Quiban (4)  
Victoria Hampshire (5)  
Beata Freyer (6)

### Apologies:

Kelly Hakeman (1)

### Welcome and Recap

Welcome Sarah Holliday and Victoria Hampshire who have joined us as the new members of the PC since the last meeting.

Recap of impact since last meeting – limited as a result of Covid – what happens next?

### Communication with Parents

Has been good throughout the lockdowns and the online learning was seen by many to be the best provision from all schools in the local area. The hiatus with EIS, class emails and lack of HomeConnect has been frustrating, although is being rectified by use of gmail. However, as a council, we need to engage parents further.

Discussion as to what contact parents already had with each other and what was easiest. WhatsApp groups are used but vary in impact from year group to year group. Some have all parents, some undersubscribed. There is little scope to meet or speak to other parents on the school site because of Covid measures.

Possibilities of zoom calls in year groups? Impractical because of mutually agreeable timings and WhatsApp groups would add to administrative pressure and difficult to keep points anonymised/ chats free of extraneous info.

The PC needs to be identifiable as a separate entity to the Friends.

Agreed that reporting to [pec@stfranciscatholicprimary.com](mailto:pec@stfranciscatholicprimary.com) is easiest for YG reps and all parents.

### Introduction to members

Parents need a visual introduction, rather than just a name to identify who the year group reps are. Members to send a photo and a short introduction to KP to send out with a newsletter. Point raised that many parents only know each other through children so links to their children would be beneficial, history within the school, etc.

All members to forward photos/text to KP so an addendum can be sent out in the new year.

### No AOB