



West Monkton Church of England School

A place for growing together and learning to fly.

Head of School Helen Newstead Chair of the LSC Tom Moore



Parent Board Minutes

Date: 8.10.25

Time: 2.15 - 3pm

Location: School

Attendees: Lucy Lawrence (Coordinating Teacher), Tom Moore (LSC and yr4), Jay Lovell (Yr4) Lisa Southgate (PTA Y2&Y5) Claire Massey (Yr 3&5), Becky Avery (yr5,yr1) Hayley Nicholas (yr5,yr1) Louise Hampshire (Yr 6 Yr 2) Lucy Paul (Yr6), Lisa Souster (Office manager)

Apologies: Amy Smith (Y3 & Y5), Helen Newstead (Headteacher),

Agenda Items	Summary and Action Points
Welcome	<i>Direct members to the webpage for previous minutes.</i>
Terms of reference	https://west-monkton-church-of-england-school.secure-primarysite.net/parent-board/
Agenda items: Transition Reflections on Transition	Members were asked about their child’s experience of transition in July and September. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Becky shared positive experience for her children, - Hayley shared it was helpful the transition sessions were with their class teacher. - Lisa shared her personal experience with her daughter finding it extremely hard because of mixing the classes (she is in contact with class teacher about this)

<p>PE kits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other members also acknowledged mixed the classes and splitting friendship groups has been hard and most children settle into new classes quickly. - Yr 2 to 3 has been a tricky transition in the past and parents felt it had gone smoother this time, helped by established staff, some time where afternoon fruit break was continued, also parents knowing and understanding more. - Tom acknowledged the advantage of new teachers visiting in the summer term and becoming more familiar to the children before September which helped. <p>From parent board feedback previously the sports kits for events have changed colour and larger sizes were ordered. There is a new system based in the office for borrowing and returning them.</p>
<p>New school photos</p>	<p>Lisa and Lucy commented from a staff point of view the experience was improved with children all happy having their photo taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy gave feedback through email about not being able to buy separate photos but through discussion in the meeting you can buy individual and digital prints however it took some navigating around the site to find them. Lisa said she was unable to do this on her phone but the computer may be better. Tom, who price checked the photos, said he would check the prices and also feedback to the photographer about the website and how it would be great to be able to find the low cost images easier. <p>Action: Tom to follow up and feedback at next meeting</p>
<p>Year 5/6 Stand up to Violence Workshop</p>	<p>Amy raised this via email and thought the content emotional but had important messages. Member agreed and while they had letters and a youtube link before they would have appreciated being given the chance to see exactly what the children were being shown so they could support at home. Lisa reassured that Vic had been present in both to give support was in both to help in the moment. Members wondered if teachers talk to the children before about the content to give warning?</p>
<p>Trips and residential</p>	<p>Year 6 parents were pleased to have had information about the residential already and hoped their would be an information evening/session for adults. Some other trips have begun to be planned.</p> <p>Action: Lucy to raise with SLT to begin to establish what trips year groups have planned and can parents be given an idea of dates and costs.</p>
<p>PTA</p>	<p>Lisa mentioned that PTA are always willing to support teachers requests for money but want to make sure it is fair. Members shared how money had been requested and given in the past. Lucy shared the donations for school trips had a great impact helping keep costs lower for all.</p> <p>Action: Lisa Southgate to raise in next PTA meeting and Lucy to feedback to Helen to get a leadership opinion.</p>

Leavers hoodies	Members appreciated the process from last year and Lisa intends to follow the same format with getting hoodies to try for size in the Spring parents evenings.
Site safety	Hayley raised that e-scooters, scooters and bikes are still being ridden on site, especially by the KS2 gate before school. Lisa Souster took the names of 2 children in particular who are riding one on the road as this is an urgent safety concern. Jay added that is often feels unsafe with her preschool child as the bigger children dart in and out of people. Members raised the safety issue of the nursery children being dropped off and members feel hesitant to challenge children they don't know.
Parent Survey	Lucy asked members to promote the survey and explained how the results really so support SLT in making school improvements and is another way for parents to be involved in and support school.
Items for next meeting	<p>Voice around Personal Development - HN</p> <p>Update on school priorities for year ahead – HN</p> <p><i>Agenda to be emailed out by 19th November so members can gather voice from others – if using facebook to gather voice please ask other parents to message you their thoughts rather than use an open comment forum.</i></p>
Next meeting date/time	Wednesday 26th November 2:15 at school