

Bruntsfield Parent Council 31 March meeting 2021 via Zoom (1930)

- **Apologies** – none
- **Minutes from 3 February** – approved
- **CK update**
 - Very pleased to have all the children back.
 - Pupil Support Officers are working with any anxious children
 - Parent Consultation booking has been sent out - seems to be working well bit do contact office if not.
 - School improvement work is carrying on as planned.
 - Equalities Policy is progressing well and will be harmonised with other cluster school's policy.
 - Anti-bullying policy also being developed further
 - Technology policy been developed guided by feedback from parents from lockdown.
 - Teams being used for showcases e.g. P5 Easter Celebration.
 - Camp: too early to think about outside trips given risk of positive case when away. School will keep it under review.
 - Epic Days – summer terms options being explored.
 - School – building work to fix leak over Easter weekend.
 - Covid-19 case in school (update)
 - Case not caught from school (brought in)
 - Didn't spread in school
 - Important to note possible symptoms and initial symptom date so you can be as accurate as possible on Track and Trace.
 - Music
 - Violin teacher can now come to school after Easter (allowed to attend 3 schools in a week)
 - Cello on Teams for now – prioritising other schools
 - Look out for more information on the Music Initiative via Teams.
 - P1/P7 Transitions and staff updates
 - More information to follow but current understanding is:
 - P7/S1 transition will be virtual (as last year).
 - Expecting P1 transition will be virtual too.
 - PC will try to do sessions with P1 parents
 - P6/P7 class allocation is being worked on and more information will follow.
 - New teacher recruited to replace Mr Barry plus teachers returning from maternity leave.
 - P7s have a drama specialist teacher for a brief period.
- **Chair's Update**
 - KG is attending relevant locality meetings on our behalf
 - Term Dates
 - December term will finish earlier than usual 17 December.
 - Consultation is out for term dates during 2022-2025 (closes 1 April).
 - Large investment in technology and digital devices coming so that each child has a device (0.7% of entire schools budget being given to it which is a significant amount of available technology spend) – KG going to go back locality groups to challenge school budget spend – expected it should come from CEC separately.
- **Clubs (Alison and Jess)**
 - Earliest possible date for outdoor clubs maybe May but we have no infrastructure at the present time.

- Will take time to get them up and running again, no co-ordinators, use of other spaces is an issue.
 - Need to stress test clubs4kids
 - Agreed we will trial some outdoor clubs to test the process and build up capacity
 - Working group to meet and discuss and progress after Easter Break.
- **Events (Jenni)**
 - Art Fair to finish off academic year (no volunteers yet)
 - Repeat call-out again via class reps
 - KG to put in blog.
 - We do need to get events going again to ensure we can keep supporting the school financially.
 - Sub-Group to think about funding options – small donations, 100club etc
- **Roads and travel (Ros)**
 - Not much progress from CEC
 - Expect progress after spaces for people consultation closes (5 April).
 - Still anticipating:
 - Better signage
 - Switch in access road
 - Timed slots for total ban
 - Be aware of parents grouping together – need to be aware we are on view and make clear we are distancing.
 - CK will look into issues on leaving times.
 - KG: Parents can leave once children are in lines and teaching assistants are in playground and if there are any issues the school will always call parents.
 - No update on crossing guard.
 - Leaving times on Fridays to be checked and confirmed via CK blog
- **Treasurer's report (Shanda)**
 - Obligations we have agreed to fund have been processed.
 - Yearbook funding to be confirmed Jules/Shanda.
 - Yearbook is with parents for their comments
 - Around 20 entries still to be completed – CK to follow-up with P7 team.
 - Expecting final proof at end of Easter term.
 - Funds are available for project/spending.

Meeting closed

Next Meetings:

- 19 May
- 16 June