

Notre Dame High School Parent Council Meeting

Zoom meeting: 5:30pm

Present: K Brough, E Richter, E Hamill, A Kovalenkova P Pickett, C Ewins, P McNally, F Hamad, A McLaughlin , R Martin.

1. R Martin provided HT report – Rosie highlighted most recent events including;

Teachers were returning to school. Principal teachers had met Friday and were looking at online lessons and discussing plans with respective departments.

GCC Primary Schools were considering a 2 days school week for pupils in new school year August 2020. Secondary schools were looking at options to prioritise and maximise pupil time at school. Options being considered were 2 day school / 3 day home model however as the guidance for BGE pupils is 12 hours and senior phase 14 hours school attendance respectively a more fluid model was under discussion. Rosie shared draft timetable for 50% capacity with S1, S2 and S4 attending morning periods each day and S3, S5, S6 attending afternoon period in school Monday - Friday.

It was noted S3 had less periods and the afternoon schedule was demanding in terms of concentration and intensity.

S5 and S6 had no HWB / pastoral time scheduled and there was discussion on online alternatives. Access to study hubs was to be confirmed and dependant on access.

Rosie updated on risk assessments, cleaning schedules and plans for signage and access through building and for toilet use. Quest + disinfectant was on order for cleaning surfaces and classrooms before and after use.

Messaging to pupils on social / physical distancing would be prepared and area of focus in August.

Liz Henderson had prepared transition timetable for p7-S1 pupils and this was shared and discussed with group. The plans for groups of 20 pupils to visit the school and experience an outdoor activity and a subject were welcomed. The Parent Council noted the amount of work that had been made to enable this was greatly appreciated.

Both Ms McMahon teachers had been due to retire in June but would stay on until September to provide Modern Languages support whilst recruitment was underway.

Rosie noted that call for S6 ipads would be made in next fortnight. Pupils returning ipads would receive refund on Prom deposit as this was now cancelled.

The Parent Council expressed thanks to Rosie and all the teaching staff at Notre Dame for their work and efforts given the difficult circumstances.

Next Meeting: TBC.