

Notre Dame Parent Council  
Parent Council Meeting  
Thursday 14th January 2021 17:30  
Location: Zoom

Apologies received: Fardowza Ibrahim (S1), Anna Miele (S6), Farah Hamid (S4)

Attendance : Ena Hamill (Chair), Paul McNally (Secretary), Rosie Martin (Headteacher), Liz Henderson (DHT), Amanda Jamieson (S1), Alexander Kovalenkova (S1/4), Lydia Binama (S4), Ciaran & Anna-Maria Ewins (S5), Esperanza Richter Romera (S3), Amanada McLaughlin (S2).  
A further 17 parents attended the meeting.

**Mrs Martin welcomed everyone back and opened the meeting remembering** Archbishop Tartaglia who died yesterday and Sophia Geddes, 5th year pupil, who was tragically killed.

**Minutes were approved.**

### **Matters arising - Uniform consultation**

This is still ongoing, Mrs Martin visited the P6 & P7 future pupils before Christmas to survey their opinions. Around 280 responses have been received from Notre Dame High pupils. Another survey will be sent to parents from our school and the associated primary schools this week.

### **Headteacher Report**

The 'quiet' xmas break was much needed and the staff felt the benefit of the rest period after a hectic year.

Mrs Martin has spoken to Sophie's parents and has offered support to the family.

Can donations be made to help the family?

The community has offered overwhelming support since Sophie's death and it was felt that material support was not necessary, however the Parent Council and staff will look into ways that we can support the family. A local organization has already planted a memorial tree at Loch Lomond and a memorial award in Sophie's name was suggested. Mrs Martin and Chair to discuss with Sophie's family.

### **Hub Support**

Between 8 and 12 pupils have been attending the school hub during this period of lockdown. There is specific criteria for pupils to access the Hub – Key Worker children or some level of vulnerability. This is being managed in accordance with government guidelines and weekly reports on attendance are sent to the Scottish Govt.

### **Communications:**

Mrs Martin asked for responses about the quality of communications from the school in recent weeks.

One parent said the communications were very clear and better than other schools. Many parents agreed.

Mrs Martin was concerned not to overwhelm parents with too many emails.

The issue of different styles of lesson delivery was raised and direct support levels for pupils and why pupils were muted in lessons.

Mrs Martin responded that different teachers have different skills and levels of ability in delivering online lessons and there is no requirement for staff to deliver learning in exactly the same way. There is an ongoing GDPR issue that broadcasting the video or sound of young people in their home may not be within the law.

An email had been sent out to parents seeking approval for participation in "live" lessons.

### **Live Lessons**

The timetable for lessons was found to be useful for children to plan their work.

The implementation of two distinct morning and afternoon blocks for teaching is a direct response to feedback from the first lockdown program.

Mrs Henderson gave feedback on giving live lessons as a teacher.

Pupils can unmute to ask questions but there can be a lot of household noise from other children and it can be better to have pupils muted during the lesson delivery.

Feedback is sought at the end of the lesson and time is made for questions.

Parents felt that it is good for the teachers to actually be in contact with the pupils through sound and vision

rather than issuing work via email.

A best practice feedback meeting will take place next week amongst staff.

Attendance records are kept for lessons with the caveat that there may be home wifi issues preventing connection. Absences are pursued for support of the child.

### **Proxy Issues (Internet connection for lessons)**

The Council is aware of these city-wide connection issues and are working on it with the provider.

### **School Meals**

Payments will be made as cash rather than vouchers. First payment will be made to families on Friday 22 January – letter from Maureen McKenna was e-mailed to parents.

### **Third year choices Program**

This is going ahead and will be done as a Teams call to provide advice and guidance to second year pupils and their parents.

### **Report Cards**

Reports are being issued as normal.

### **HPV Booster jag**

This was scheduled for the first week of term but has been postponed. The school immunisation team are overwhelmed with paperwork at the moment and the Corona virus. There is no date set at the moment

The meeting was closed.