

Bushes Parent Council Minutes of Meeting

19/1/20201

Present - Antje, Nicola, Kathyrn, Laura, Suzanne, Marion, Jayne, Clair

Teachers - Craig, Donna, Lynne

Agenda

- Home schooling questions

How is Bushes helping families that are struggling?

They are tracking engagement and following up those that aren't, and support will be offered where possible. If this is technical support, they can offer Chrome Books but only have so many. A survey will be going out around what devices are available for the children in the household to use so the school can get an idea of who needs help.

How can we engage the kids online?

Online learning will never replicate a school day. There was a concern raised about the lack of shared experience and interaction between kids in the classroom, so it was brought up if its possible to do live learning. There is a lot of rules around this that must be followed eg there has to be a parent present for security reasons therefore this may not suit all and could alienate those that it doesn't suit. The school is trying to find a middle ground but are looking at ways can improve.

Are classes within the same primary year receiving the same material?

There was a concern that if the material varies within a primary year this could delay learning and could cause problems on return with being behind. Sometimes this isn't always possible, but teachers are being encouraged to share material. There is a shared space for teachers to share material with each other and tips on how best to work Seesaw, videos etc

What can parents do if they are concerned re the lack of material/support or engagement with the teacher? What is the best approach?

If it's something that we feel the teacher can sort to approach the teacher but if it's something else or its not being sorted to discuss with a deputy teacher or Craig.

Can we get work worksheets sent home?

With the school being asked to keep foot fall to a minimum and it's not suitable to do mass printing. However, if there is an individual need to contact the school to discuss further.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd February

