

# Straiton Primary School Parent Council Meeting

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 on Zoom**

**Sederunt:** J. Williams (secretary), C.-A. Dunlop (treasurer), L. Candlish (head teacher), I. Hardy (chair), G. Bacon, E. Carroll (principal teacher), B. Connolly (councillor).

**1 Welcome and apologies:** Isla welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from L. McWhirter.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting:** these were approved and there were no matters arising.

### **3 Head teacher's report:**

**a) Pupil numbers** for 2021/22 are now at 21, early years has 1 and there are 2 January starts.

**b) Staffing allocation** remains the same at 2.2 full time and 1 school assistant.

**c) Homework:** no formal homework will be given out between now and end of term. Homework will be needs based and for support.

**d) Reports:** to be distributed on May 28<sup>th</sup> and will report on literacy, numeracy and health and well-being.

**e) Parent appointments** will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June by telephone.

**f) Trips:** although these could go ahead the decision has been made to use our own outdoor resources this session so that risk is minimised.

**g) Events:** sports day will go ahead in terms of children taking part but will not be a public event. Again, the focus is on reducing risk.

**h) End of year service:** this will be recorded and shared.

**i) Residential:** Dumfries House has been provisionally booked for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Approximately 30 children, including Straiton, will attend. The provisional cost will be around £124 per pupil.

**j) Procedures:** all guidelines remain in place as per authority guidance. These will be reviewed and altered moving forward as restrictions are lifted. **All** procedures are to ensure the health and safety of staff and pupils.

**4 Funds:** these remain the same at £837.86.

**5 20MPH signs:** reported as not working on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Councillor Connolly has been in touch with ARA and has been told that these signs were so old that it was no longer possible to obtain parts to repair them. They will be replaced.

**6 Correspondence:** nil.

**7 AOCB:** Jen, on behalf of Straiton Development Group, thanked the staff for the school's involvement in choosing the equipment for the playpark.

There had been a query about whether last year's p7's would still be invited to come back to visit but, because of restrictions, the answer was not yet.

The staff were thanked for making the transition of pupils back to school a good experience.

**Date of next meeting:** AGM Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Jeanette Heggs

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