

Parent Council Minutes of virtual meeting 01/09/20

Present: M Dorward, M Byrne, R Rodgers, K McHarg, H Murray, C Marr, K Capstick, C Ritchie, L Harper

Apologies: E Lindsay

M Dorward Welcomed everyone to the meeting. A warm virtual welcome was extended to our new school captains and S1 Parents. It was noted with regret that Elizabeth has stood down as the Parent Council Clerk. Elizabeth was sincerely thanked for her long term commitment to helping the parent body.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved and seconded by Colin.

Head Teacher's Update was distributed at the meeting. The following items were highlighted; Return to school, Reopening, present Ho SQA Update, Communication to our young people, parents and carers, Staffing and Health and Safety – Covid Related matters.

Please see separate PDF file for the full report.

Staffing – Covid Recovery Teachers. Ms Byrne advised that the school had been allocated 1.4fte for Covid Recovery teachers. One teacher will be based in the school full time Monday – Friday and the other teacher will be based at the school on a Monday and Tuesday. Their remit will facilitate young people who have not been able to engage with on line learning the opportunity for support and direct intervention.

Risk Assessments – Ms Byrne confirmed that the whole school risk assessment was completed and was operating as a working document to take into account further changes to Scottish government guidelines. Ms Byrne and all staff very much appreciated the young people for their efforts for learning and following all the new routines, of hand sanitising regularly through out the day, cleaning working desks and ICT stations.

Health and Safety for Covid – Ms Byrne described all the procedures and advised that staff and young people were coping well. It was noted that we need to remain vigilant and prepared for change in response to changing guidelines with short notice. Mrs Harper was thanked sincerely for ensuring there was a plentiful supply of products in school.

Online Blended Learning - Teaching staff will continue to ensure that there are a range of resources available of Microsoft Teams for the Senior Phase (S4/S5/S6) as priority. This is because a number of young people remain at home and require online provision. S1 – S3 Year groups work will be uploaded however it will be by topic to manage teacher workload. This will be an ongoing process through out the academic year.

Reporting and Parents Evenings: There will not be any parents evenings at present given the pandemic. We will set aside some evenings so parents can get good information for example on how S1- S3 progressing later in the year. There will be an additional report with grades being issued per year group and S1 young people will complete the S1 settling in report towards the end of September 2020.

AOCB: It was discussed and agreed that the next Parents Evening will be **Tuesday 27th October** and it will be combined with the AGM. The position of Clerk is available so all expressions of interest to be forwarded to Monica Dorward.

