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Ashby Willesley Parents Forum Agenda Friday 6th November 2020 – 1.30-2.30pm via MS Teams

Present: Mrs R McKeown SLT/Acorn 1, S Watson Governor Link (minutes), V Hockey, K Soulsby, E Tan, C Swanepoel, N Stephens, C Dyer, E Higgins

Apologies: Ms C Dilks (CD) Head of School, S Dagley (stepping down from Year 3), K Whitfield, M Miller (bubble closed), N MacDonald, L Lawton, L Brown (difficulty access to Teams), R Thompson, L Brown

Minutes from March 2020 – agreed correct, outstanding **Action** – Terms of Reference to incorporate moving to online via MS Teams; Safe Sun policy was on hold due to adapting to pandemic, SW and CD have met and will need update on sun hats, sun shelter (**Action** : update and liaise with WASPS).

Update Forum members list and Welcome new members - Liz Tan and Emma Ward representing Acorns

Feedback to school for staff / events – positive feedback to school, all staff, pupils and parents on return in adapting to new Covid-19 adaptations, how well school had done offering summer school, discussion and positive feedback about online events to parents, such as Harvest Festival where this is possible, online events can be tricky to manage due to GDPR issues and consent from parents. Positive feedback to setting up staff and parents / pupils on MS Teams for home schooling / access to home schooling books, some IT glitches noted and overall really positive new ways of learning and adapting together. Discussion around wellbeing and how well children had adapted returning to school.

Photo Permissions – RM (on behalf of CD) a reminder that each parent needs to check photo permissions / consent forms, as this will effect whether the child can be involved in any class / group photographs / filmed activities.

New incentives – RM Rachel updated that school has adopted a new Phonics scheme – Soundwrite. All Key Stage 1 staff have been trained. Example lessons and more information about the scheme has been sent out to parents through Weduc. The whole school has invested in Numicon and this is proving an invaluable resources for all year groups.

Year 5 girls / boys changing together, are there any plans to do this separately? Year 5 girls toilet door not locking properly (not sure if this has been reported?) – VH **Action:** to be feedback to Mr Smart

What will happen in cold weather due to COVID safety of ventilation and windows open?, raised by a few reps across year group – can the children wear non uniform for warmer choice of clothing and layering up? Discussion and school are sending out information around suggestions for parents to consider extra layers of clothing for the children in colder weather, as good ventilation has to be in place.

Any other business: EH as a new Parent forum member offered to link with teacher lead for science (Alex King) with regards to contacts and information with solar panel powered resources (**Action** : RM to feedback Alex). KS does the school review which company is used for School photos? RM to feedback to CD.

Next Meeting Dates: delayed due second wave of pandemic, Friday 30th April and 18th June 2021, 1.30pm-2.30pm via MS Teams at present.