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Ashby Willesley Parents Forum Minutes Friday 18th June 2021 – 1.30-2.30pm online Via Teams

Present: Ms C Dilks (CD) Head of School, Mrs R McKeown SLT/Acorn 1, Sharan Watson Governor Link (minutes), Karen Soulsby, Judith Harwood, Marie Miller, Nicola Stephens, Vicki Hockey, Rachel Thompson, Claire Swanepoel, Lisa Brown

Apologies: CS, LT, EW, KW, LL, NM

Minutes from April 2021 – outstanding actions – WASPs need new members still

Feedback to school for staff / events – A general feedback from year 1 for all the continuing hard work from all the staff, really appreciated ; great excitement in Year 4 over prospective trip to Hollowford; thank you from Year 6 parents for the huge progress now being made towards end of year events(covid safe).

Next academic year – CD shared schools hopes that next academic year will hopefully see some return to normal school day but school still awaiting guidance until plans can be put in place, reassurance that school will disseminate information as soon as they know from DoE / Government (**Action:** all Forum to pass onto year groups via their WhatsApp groups).

WASPs – CS / RT / MM WASPs urgently need new committee members , need new Chair , Vice Chair, Treasurer etc (**Action:** All Forum to put out WhatsApp messages and school to add in newsletters / WEDUC , need to add WASPs contact email address etc).

Acorn – children's hands getting sore from sanitiser in classrooms, would hand cream in classrooms be considered as a solution?: CD added that parents can send hand cream in with their own children for their use.

Year 1 – some damaged reading books; KS/CS can parents receive information about children's new teachers / classes before transition day to prepare children? Using Earwig? Parents feeling that they are missing out on school events / life due to covid and Earwig may help to capture /share children's activities and work. CD/RM – reassurance children are very resilient and teachers are constantly looking at and considering a lot of considerations; parents can send in donations of good quality books and they can ask children to point out to teachers if reading books are damaged and encourage children to care for their books. Earwig has many difficulties of not all children can be photographed and that it was intended as a teacher tool not as a communication method to parents. Emailing individual teachers on individual queries advised if needed, no additional parents evening now but reports will be sent out with the children soon.

Year 3 – JH ? is there still parent requirement to wear face masks in the school pick up areas? CD-YES Are year 3 still holding a roman day ? NO, not this year, al curriculum on school website.

Year 4 – SW from a couple parents feedback about some damaged reading books being sent home: CD encouraged children to care for their reading books and report any damaged books to their teachers: ? enough resources to teach computing CD-individual issued should always go to the teachers, school budget has been

spent, so books can be donated and children inform teachers if books are needing replacement. CD- IT curriculum is linked to budget, money spent this year on iPads, new Wifi routers and audio in hall, modern curriculum is not based around use of Computers, it is around software and design etc which can be done in iPADS.

Year 6 – CS what is happening about Year 6 awards / trips / discos etc? CD-now resolved yesterday, **Parents are happy to assist where they can help to make it memorable leavers celebrations; Cycle proficiency / Bike Ability, other schools have done it recently, can we do it before end of term? Parents are wating to organise a pool party, can this be done in school time if needed?.** CD / CS- lots of activities arranged now, trip to Snowdome and parents hopefully to be invited to year 6 leaving assembly outside.

Any other business:

CD: thank you to year 6 Forum members that will be leaving this year and thank you to RM who is leaving to start new role as Headteacher, thank you for all you do and well done Rachel!!

CD- **Action (SW / CD)** need to set dates for the year ahead

RT:WASPs – desperately need new members, all Forum to send out announcements and School to add to newsletter, responsibilities can be shared between new members, will be exciting to start with new members

RM- Rachel's last meeting, her thanks to forum.

LB – last meeting as a member, need a new year 6 representation and her thank you to SW for chairing PF also.

Next meeting date Friday 29th October 1.30pm-2.30pm online via Teams