

CHAIR: E Jordan  
 VENUE: School  
 DATE: 21.06.16

**PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School**

REPORTING PERIOD: 2015 - 2016				
Present	Name	Membership Category	Child's Year	Membership Commenced
x	Victoria Rice	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Nic Webster	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Adele Blinkhorn (Clerk)	Parent	Y1	May-15
√	Laura Hothersall	Parent	Y1	May-15
√	Rachel Thirlwall	Parent	Y2	May-15
√	Madeline Jones	Parent	Y2	May-15
x	Tracey Flynn	Parent	Y3	May-15
√	Kate Catherall	Parent	Y3	May-15
√	Vanessa Green	Parent	Y4	May-15
x	Vacancy	Parent	Y4	
√	Emma Jordan (Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Roz Kepke-Smith (Vice Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Kate Sandbach	Parent	Y6	May-15
√	Diana Williams	Parent	Y6	Nov-15
√	Fiona Todd	Head teacher	n/a	
x	Anne James	Gov	n/a	

**Minute Taker :** Adele Blinkhorn

Discussion & Action Points	Whom/When
<b>1. Apologies</b> T Flynn, ████████	-
<b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Accepted	-
<b>3. Y2/Y4 Rep Vacancy</b> MJ advised she would be stepping down from July as parent rep for Y2. Parents of Y2 have been approached and a possible replacement found. There is still a vacancy for a Y4 rep following the resignation of MD. No replacement has been found to-date. Email requesting new members to go out to Y2 & Y4 parents asap.	EJ

<p><b>4. Actions from previous meetings</b></p> <p><b>Interschool Competitions</b> - There are still a number of concerns regarding interschool competitions. Parents would like more notice of up-coming events, to enable better preparation. Parents also need to better understand how the school can assist with this preparation by providing targeted sports lessons. Suggestions were made that parents maybe able assist with additional extra-curricular sessions, so the children understand the rules etc. prior to the event. Parents of KS2 children would like to understand the selection process, as currently the same children seem to be picked and therefore, not all children have the opportunity to compete. <i>The School is currently reviewing all sports competitions with a view to create a new policy covering both competitive and non-competitive sport -The new policy will be available on the School Website (under the PE section) shortly. Update - the school will be entered into 'town sports' in nantwich commencing in the next academic year. All sporting events with THS will continue as normal. The School will also be having a joint 'mini Olympics' event with St Oswald's.</i></p>	-
<p><b>School pick-up - No Mr Bibby!</b></p> <p>A number of Parents have expressed concern that there is no longer a adult representative present at the bottom of the drive to stop children running out into the road. <i>FT also expressed her concern and has approached Councillor Jones for support and/or suggestions e.g. the possibility of a crossing. Councillor Jones will be visiting the site over the coming weeks to assess the problem. Update - FT advised that Councillor Jones had visited the site and viewed the current issues. As a result, the 'flashing lights' on School Lane, will be reviewed to ensure they are working correctly. The Police have also been on site at morning drop-off. No further improvements or suggestions have been received at this point. FT has requested a crossing, although this has not been agreed. Parents asked if the option of a 'Pull In' for quick drop-off/collection could be considered in any future plans. Update - Still no news received from the Council. FT suggested the Parent Council write to Rachel Bailey at Cheshire East - FT to supply contact details. Update - Following the visit from Councillor Jones it has been agreed that a 20mph speed limit has been approved. Timescale to be agreed.</i></p>	-
<p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>To combat the ongoing parking violations and repeat offenders, parents will be given notice that any vehicles found parking in an unsafe manner will be reported. Notice to go out to all parents and included in newsletter.</p>	FT

<p><b>Sports for disengaged Children</b></p> <p>Parents would like to know if anything is being done to bring sports to disengaged children in the School. <i>FT advised that they are about to launch non-competitive games across the partnership. Update - Current efforts in providing chess and monopoly clubs have not been well attended and often cancelled due to lack of interest. If parents have any ideas, they would be greatly appreciated.</i></p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Parents Evening</b></p> <p>Parents would like more notice of up-coming parents evenings and if possible the option of later sessions, to cater for working parents. FT advised that they have been re-vamping the current model and it will be based on the High School Model. They will be trialling it after half-term. FT to check if dates are on School Calendar. Update - A new online booking system has been trialled. Initial feedback on the system is positive. Parents would like some sort of notification back to confirm the booking. <i>FT to investigate.</i> Parents did find it difficult to book consecutive sessions across the year groups and wondered whether there was an easier way to do this? <i>FT advised that it would probably best to ask the office staff to book these at present.</i> Further feedback will be given following the event. <i>Update - Feedback ranged from lack of confidentiality to great layout and well structured. Some parents felt rushed and that 10mins wasn't enough time. The computer graph was well received however, these were only available for a couple of year groups. FT advised that the graphs would be coming out as part of the annual report. Also parents would be able to book additional slot in future.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Will's role in the morning</b></p> <p>Parents would like clarification for Will Park's role in the mornings. It is believed that WP has been asked not to assist children and parents to cross over the road in the mornings and may need some clarification and support. Parents stress that WP is seen as asset to the morning arrangements. FT advised that WP would not be legally covered for crossing children, however she would be happy to look into what could be done. <i>Update - FT has spoke to WP and clarified role. WP has been advised not to make physical contact with the children for his own protection. parents felt that WP friendly behaviour is welcomed and suggested the purchase of a 'foam hand' so WP could still 'high five' the children without consequence. FT also advised that WP has if he wishes the opportunity to do a road crossing course.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Residential Visit Questionnaire</b></p> <p>In the absence of a member of the Governors. FT advised that the Governors are still looking a doing a Parent Questionnaire. FT also advised that some changes had already been agreed in that, the London trip would no longer be a residential trip and as Ironbridge is no longer in the curriculum the Ironbridge trip would be cancelled until further notice. Parents requested that questionnaires should be paper based and completed forms be rewarded with team points to encourage more parents to complete.</p>	<p>Gov</p>

<p><b>Minutes and Constitution Amendments Update</b></p> <p>Updated documents to be circulated to the group.</p>	<p>EJ/AB</p>
<p><b>Star of the week</b></p> <p>Parents are interested on how the 'Star of Day' or 'week' are awarded and whether or not these awards are monitored to ensure fairness. FT advised that these are teachers awards for good behaviour or work and that she was of the belief that these were monitored by the class teacher. Parents advised that there were a few instances of children not receiving an award for in excess of 1 year. FT to investigate. <i>Update - FT advised that a monitoring systems is now in place across the school.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Medication in School Time</b></p> <p>Parents would like clarification on the rules around administering medication during school time. Also, would it be possible to have a Fridge for storing these medications. FT advised that currently there are no appropriate facilities to store medication that needs to be kept refrigerated and welcomed the idea for the PTA to look at purchasing one. Further information can be found in the 'Medical Needs Policy' which is available on the School website under 'Policies' in the 'Virtual Office' section. <i>Update - A lockable Fridge has now been purchased by the PTA for the storage of medication.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>5. Governing Body Update</b></p> <p>No governors in attendance.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>6. Head Update</b></p> <p>FT commented that it had been a momentous year and she was glad that things are moving forward and starting to settle. The staff are positive and a lot of the outstanding issues are been ironed out.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>7. Parent Charter</b></p> <p>The proposed 'parent charter' was circulated to members for comment. Some members thought the language was a little aggressive in places and made suggestions for improvement. The amended charter will be presented to the School Governors on 15th July.</p>	<p>FT</p>
<p><b>8. School Uniform</b></p> <p>It has been noted by parents that standards have slipped across the school and they would welcome better policing by the School to bring up the standard. FT to add a note to this weeks newsletter to remind parents of correct uniform. The current PE kit was also criticised and it was agreed that a sub-committee would be formed to review the school uniform, sports kit and supplier. Rachel Thirlwall, Adele Blinkhorn and Roz Kepke-Smith agreed to create a sub-committee and review the above with a potential roll-out of Sept 2017.</p>	<p>FT/RT/AB/ RKS</p>

<p><b>9. Parking/Speed limits</b> Covered under item 4</p>	-
<p><b>10. Academy</b> FT advised that another local church aided school had expressed interest in joining the Multi Academy Trust. More details to follow.</p>	FT
<p><b>11. Homework</b> Some parents are concerned with the amount of homework been sent out during school holidays. FT advised that homework was not compulsory and therefore parents could decided how much their child(ren) should be doing.</p>	-
<p><b>12. Sports Day</b> Deferred to next meeting</p>	-
<p><b>13. Playtime</b> Parent's wish to know if handstands have been banned in School. FT advised that to her knowledge they had not, but she would look into it.</p>	FT
<p><b>14. Holiday Club</b> Parents are questioning why no holiday has been offered at Bunbury School. FT advised that the current providers do not wish to offer a holiday club this year, however St Oswald's would be offering a holiday club and this would be open to Bunbury children.</p>	-
<p><b>15. Mathletics Club</b> Deferred to next meeting</p>	-
<p><b>16. Maths Tuition for KS1 Parents</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p>	-
<p><b>17. Staffing Changes for September Term</b> A separate notification has been sent out to all parents today.</p>	-
<p><b>18. School Comms - Halle Orchestra</b> Parents were extremely disappointed with lack of notice for the recent Halle Orchestra trip. Some parents were unable to attend due to been unable to get time off work at such short notice and those that could attend where left with unfavourable seating. FT apologised to all for the delay in communicating the event and wishes to assure parents that they can expect better comms going forward.</p>	-

<b>17. Successes</b> Queen's Birthday Celebrations	-
<b>18. AOB</b> Are children allowed to have water at their desks? FT advised that children can have access to water at any time. However, other soft drinks are not permitted at the desk.	-
<b>18. Next Meeting</b>  <b>The next meeting will be</b> Tuesday 4th October 2016	









