



**Parent Voice
Information and Update Sessions
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th June 2016**

**The first School in Cornwall to achieve the
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Minutes from Parent information and update session June 2016

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 7th 5pm – number attending – 1

Wednesday 8th 9am – number attending – 3

Main points presented

Parental questions and comments with responses from Mrs Sharpe:

a. New classrooms

- Building has now started on site.
- The builders expect to finish by the beginning of September. Priority will be given to finishing the double classroom which will be used by year one classes.
- The additional room will allow us to develop more flexible nursery provision and after school care (both covered later)

Parent question/comment	Response
If the new build isn't finished where will the children go?	There will be an empty classroom in the KS1 building and we will probably turn the staffroom into a temporary classroom.
What is the new nursery garden layout?	New doors have been put into the right hand side of the conservatory. Children are then accessing part of their garden and also the top of the reception playground.

b. After School Care

- Mrs Sharpe informed that discussions are still ongoing to after school care in both the infant and the junior school.
- With the new room we would be keen to start in January.

Parent question/comment	Response
Will the juniors provide a similar system?	Yes, the plan is that the schools will work together.
Can children be taken to after school care after they have attended a club?	Yes
What is the cost?	As yet unknown – but we be comparable to other local providers

How many can attend?	Initially we are intending to start small (up to 16 children) and then grow depending upon demand, space, staffing etc.
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c. Changes to Nursery Provision from Sept 2017

- Applications for our nursery are dropping (mainly due to the inflexibility as discussed at previous meeting). For the year beginning Sept 2016 the governors have agreed to offer any available spaces to pupils who have turned 3 the previous term.
- From Sept 17 we are looking into providing a more flexible option with sessions that parents can select.
 8:30 – 11:30 (3 hours)
 11:30 – 12:30 (1 hour)
 12:30 – 3:30 (3 hours)
 3:30 – 5:30 (2 hours)
 We are also considering offering extra paid hours should parents require this.

Parent question/comment	Response
During discussion all agreed that this was the best option for organisation.	
Do you know if the 30 free hours will be coming in soon?	We haven't been informed yet.
This sounds like a full time job for someone just to organise the hours.	Potentially
Do you have a fair criteria for offering places?	We will be following the admissions criteria for the rest of the school with priority being given to siblings and those in catchment area.

d. Reports

- Following on from our last meeting, from September we are not going to produce the traditional Learning Journeys in Nursery and Reception Classes. Instead we will move to a termly report and a class learning journey. Examples were shared.
- Traditional end of year reports will remain in Key Stage 1 for the moment.

Parent question/comment	Response
The examples were discussed. All thought the termly format with next steps were a good idea. The booklet format was preferred.	

A discussion took place about colour coding (above target, below target, on target). Some concerns were raised about labelling children as 'failing' when they were only 3!	
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e. Testing

- Since the old levels were removed and schools were challenged to come up with their own life after levels system there have been some challenges. We have introduced an alphabetical system which combines both Early Years and Key Stage 1. This has not been perfect but we continue to adapt it.
- Sept 16 – The EYFS profile will no longer be statutory and the Reception Baseline will now **not** be introduced in September 16
- New Year 2 SATs tests have now finished.
- Year 1 phonic screening will be next week.

Parent question/comment	Response
Will the school be externally audited this year?	We haven't heard yet. However we have been working to moderate with other local schools.
Will the Junior School retest the children at the beginning of year 3.	We have been working with the Junior School to improve transitions.

f. Any other business

a. School Crossing Patrol

- The school was unaware that the Council are removing two of our four lollypop people (West Trewirgie Rd & Clinton road) until the first day back from the half term break.
- Schools have been sent an agreement to sign if they wish to take on their employment but with no indication of cost.
- Mrs Sharpe is due to speak to a local councillor soon.

Parent question/comment	Response
Are the school likely to pay for the crossing patrols?	It is difficult to know without costings; however all schools have already set their budgets without any awareness of this additional expense.
Does the new traffic calming arrangement on West Trewirgie Road mean that this is now safer?	

<p>Would the council consider putting in zebra or pelican crossings instead?</p> <p>Could the schools pay for one each?</p> <p>Parents are responsible for getting their children to school safely. Where does the schools responsibility start & end? (e.g. state of the roads and pavements)</p>	
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b. Attendance at Parent Voice

Only 4 parents have attended across these 2 sessions

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>Why do you think so few attend?</p> <p>Are they still useful?</p> <p>Could you send a text to remind parents?</p>	<p>Hopefully because most parents are happy!</p> <p>I find them very useful. We have introduced Drop & Go, new report format and after school care in direct response to these meetings.</p> <p>Yes</p>

c. Class photographs

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>Can you text us so we can make sure the children look clean and tidy?</p>	<p>Yes – Sorry!</p>