

Update from Lenzie Meadow Parent Council



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This is a hello and welcome back from Lenzie Meadow Parent Council.

We are a group of volunteer parents and carers from the school and nursery and we meet approximately 6 times a year to represent the voice of the parent body. We work collaboratively with the school management team and teacher reps.

Our first meeting of the term was Monday 7th September 2020 and was well attended by our current elected members. Ordinarily we would have an AGM and at that meeting parents can nominate themselves as office bearers and year reps. Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to host the meeting this year but hope to review that in the New Year. In the meantime, our current elected members have agreed to stay on and represent. We do have space though for some P1 reps and I have had some interest from the P1 parent body. In the interests of fairness, if you would like to be a P1 rep please could you email me to lenziemeadowprimarypc@gmail.com by Monday the 21st September 2020.

Parents who are not elected can sit in at any meeting and observe and hear the discussion. You aren't able to take part in the decision making but you are always very welcome to join us. This year our meetings will be held virtually, so watch this space for invites and notification for our upcoming meetings.

At our meeting on Monday we covered a range of topics. I would like to highlight the following key points for information:

- The senior management team in the school are observing daily what is happening within the school and regularly reviewing and updating the risk assessments as the government guidance changes. The key issue is hand hygiene. The children do regularly wash their hands and in between times are using hand sanitiser at very regular intervals.
- Digital learning is a key priority for the school. The use of Microsoft teams is working well and the school is looking at ways to continually improve its use. Families who do not have access to the appropriate technology and meet the criteria set by EDC will be in receipt of a chrome book.
- Outdoor Learning/Play is part of the recovery plan to get children back to school. Being outside in the fresh air minimises the risks. When the weather is bad though the children will not go outside. The school have been collecting materials and umbrellas to make as many shelters as possible as the children enjoy being outside. There are restrictions currently to changing areas and concerns raised by parents about children changing in the toilets was noted. The school are going to look at all the options they can. The staff are working hard to help children understand the importance of wrapping up before going outside. Heating has been put on in the school to heat the wet clothes/coats between breaks and to ensure children aren't too cold when the windows / doors are open. It would be helpful if parents could reinforce the need to wear jackets and keep these zipped up when outside. Also where possible send in a change of clothes (it doesn't have to be uniform) on wet weather days.

- Attainment is a priority within the school and assessments will be ongoing around this.
- Report cards/Parent's night has been discussed. EDC are starting a working group to look at the options for this.
- Nursery arrangements are going well and the children are enjoying getting into their zones. The risk assessment is constantly reviewed. The nursery is looking at options on how to support children with induction as they won't be able to visit in the same way. A video tour is being considered.

There are many other issues that come up at our meetings and they are all covered in our minutes which will be posted on the school website.

In the meantime, I hope this update has been useful to you. Please feel free to email at lenziemeadowprimarypc@gmail.com

Please note that the Parent council can't take up any personal concerns. The best way to address these are directly with the school.

The date for our next meeting will be posted shortly.

Best wishes

Jennifer Schofield, Parent Council Chair
Lenzie Meadow Primary