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## **Minute of Meeting of Holy Family Primary School Parent Council**

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams

**Date:** 1 September 2022

### **Item 1 – Prayer**

Meeting was opened with school prayer

### **Item 2 – In Attendance:**

Mark Farrell – Chair  
Nicola McGee – Depute Chair  
Liam Docherty – Teacher  
Marie McGovern  
Leonie Moran  
Julie O'Brien  
Carolina Poggie  
Sarah Breslin  
Frances Breslin Davda  
Matthew Platt

### **Item 3 – Apologies**

Andrew Gallagher – Head Teacher  
Hilda Quail

### **Item 4 – Minute of Last Meeting – Corrections**

There were no corrections or amendments. The Minute of the last meeting was agreed.

### **Item 5 – Update from Head Teacher**

Mark read out the update that Mr. Gallagher had provided.  
This update covered:

- Staffing
- Return to school
- School grounds
- Meet the teacher
- Fr. Hannah's departure
- School improvement plan overview

## **Item 6 – Future Meeting**

Mark informed the council that due to changes in E.D.C. cleaning contracts any future Parent council meeting let for the school would have to be vacated by 7 p.m.

Mark asked the members of the parent council to consider the following options:

- Start meetings in Holy Family earlier
- Hold the meetings at a local secondary school
- Continue with online meetings
- Hold the meetings at the church hall of Holy Family and St. Ninians'

Members were asked to feedback thoughts and preferences going forward.

## **Item 7 – Cost of school day**

Nicola raised the potential about the impact of the current cost of living crisis on the cost of the school day.

The following support is currently available within the school:

- Recycled uniform
- Free fruit
- Mrs. Cross family learning assistant

The council also discussed what support was available elsewhere e.g. S.V.D.P. as well as provision in other schools. It was decided that the Parent Council would work closely with the PTA to enhance the current support provision for families going forward into winter.

## **Item 8 – A.G.M.**

Nicola announced that she was stepping down after as vice chair at the A.G.M. however Nicola will remain as a member of the parent council.

The A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Holy Family Primary School

## **Item 9 – A.O.C.B.**

Frances updated the council on the loss of onsite after school care. She highlighted that provision exists offsite and is provided by two companies Applebys and Rookie Rockstars.

Leonie highlighted that as things open up post COVID that there existed an opportunity to support the school and families (out with cost of living). It was decided that at the A.G.M. that a shortlist of priorities will be selected and these will form the basis of a parental survey to be undertaken.

**Date of Next Meeting A.G.M. – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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