

# Academy Council Meeting

[05/02/25]

**Chair:** Hassan Aden

**Vice Chair:** Anton Chambers

**Council Members Present:** Mohammed Rahman [MR], Monzo Ara Khatun [MAK], Hassan Aden [HA]

Other attendees; Tahreena Ward (TW) Caroline Wagstaff (CW)

**Minutes:** Tahreena Ward

**Apologies for absence:**, Anton Chambers [AC], Sultana Siddiki (SS),

**Parent/carers:** N/A

**Meeting commenced:** 09:10am

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Introduction and Apologies:</b>	
2.	<b>Feedback from the last Academy Council meeting:</b>  <b>E-safety workshops for parents have been organised by the Computing leads and parents will be given the dates after half term.</b>	
3.	<b>Spring term update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful parent consultations</li><li>• Local Authority visited the Nursery and gave some positive feedback about the provision</li><li>• Good turn out during Parental Engagement weeks</li><li>• Ofsted is imminent</li><li>• Attendance remains a focus. Many families are going on extended leave during term time.</li><li>• Parent survey results were shared and Tahreena will share with parents how the areas of development are improving.</li><li>• Discussion around online homework. Making hw purposeful for pupils and less stressful for parents. Possibility of more project based homework from September and for pupils in Y2-Y6 to complete hw online which supports sustainability plan and pupils IT skills.</li></ul>	

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>MCAS Update:</b>                  During parent consultants the admin team supported parents to set up MCAS on their phones. This was a very useful way to support parents.</p> <p>Teachers will carry out an audit to find out which parents in their class do not have MCAS set up.</p> <p>Admin team will host a number of drop in clinics to support parents. First one booked in for 12th Feb 9-10</p>	<p>Mention dates for MCAS support sessions in the newsletter.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Survey:</b>                  Parents have been informed about the outcomes, strengths and areas of development.                  Continue to inform parents about how the areas of development have been implemented.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>DSB Update:</b>                  The Local Authority is still carrying out their review. The newly appointed DS Manager is settling into her role and has been working closely with the trainee teachers of the deaf. She has also met some of the parents and will continue to build positive relationships with the pupils and parents.</p>	<p>Celebrate the newly appointed DS Manger in the newsletter</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Open Forum:</b>                  (Monzo) had requests from Y4 and Y6 parents about access to a prayer room. (TW) explained that this was explored last year with the School Council and due to staffing and logistical barriers it was not possible to have a prayer room. TW also reiterated that if there were to be such a facility, it would be multi-faith so that pupils of all religions could access the room. (AH) mentioned that parents who had requested this facility should come to the AC meetings so that they could discuss this.                  (SS) raised the issue of a parent smoking outside the school gate. Is there a possibility the school could have a 'no smoking' sign on the gate? TW will speak to the LT about this and parents should be reminded to be mindful of pupils.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
	<p>The meeting finished at 10.00 am</p>	