

Kings Nympton Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 24th November 2022 9.00am



Minutes

Vicki Fenemore

Sheevaun Manning

Carly Cook

Nicki Hawkins

Paula Bannister

Caroline Crosby (Minutes)

	ITEM	LEAD	COMMENTS	MINUTES
PROCEDURAL ITEMS				
1	Apologies for absence			SSF
2	Lunchtime	VF	Time allotted to eat	Lunchtime is structured so that half an hour is allocated for children to eat their lunch. Half an hour is then allocated to play. All children eat at the same time and then wait for all to finish before staff take all of the children outside to play. Some children eat quickly, others take a bit of time, however half an hour should be sufficient time to eat lunch.
3	Playtime	VF	Split classes playing together	<p>Playtime is currently split. The rationale behind this is that in the Autumn Term Reception children are very young and small. It can be daunting for them to play with much larger and older children. As always playground timings and areas are looked at in the Spring term to see if classes can merge.</p> <p>Football often takes place on the playground in Autumn term and it would be dangerous for young children to walk through this. There have in the past been incidents of older children treating younger children as babies which stops them becoming resilient and also results in some children not making friends of their own age. Therefore, the Autumn term is often split and playtimes merge in the Spring\Summer term once children have established their friendship groups.</p> <p>NH commented that the top playground is small. VF\SM agreed and will adjust for the Spring\Summer terms when the field can again be used.</p> <p>VF\SM commented that staff do monitor and change things as necessary but may not share operational adjustments with parents at all times. Once children are playing together in the Spring and Summer it is a chance for older children to model play to</p>

				<p>younger children. Older children also relish the opportunity to nurture younger children and this gives them a sense of responsibility.</p>
4	Ofsted report	VFISM	Overview of Ofsted report	<p>Very proud of Ofsted report. It is a credit to all staff and recognises their hard work. The children were keen to talk about their learning to Ofsted inspectors and were excited to share. Ofsted was impressed with the curriculum and the nurturing attitude of older children towards younger children.</p> <p>NH asked about the Ofsted comment to improve diversity learning? VFISM explained that Ofsted asked child about the London residential and they could not at the time articulate how London was different to where they live and go to school.</p> <p>SM explained the Ofsted inspection process. Begins with a 2-hour conversation and then the one-day inspection checks information provided in the conversation, looks at planning, learning, and inspectors talk to children to incorporate their comments. Very intense process but Ofsted liked the school, it was 'Good', and they were impressed by the children. Children stated that they felt overwhelmingly safe and were happy. To expand on the Diversity questions, Diversity is talked about in the classroom, learnt about through sport and other methods. Children are given the opportunity to debate and children do accept a diverse community.</p> <p>VF informed all present that new children are starting today, family of three with 2 children joining Kings Nympton. This is very positive and due to marketing and word of mouth. More new KS2 children will be joining.</p> <p>NH asked if children are moving locally? Yes some children have come across from South Molton. Parents who visit cannot help but be impressed with the school, the children and the curriculum.</p> <p>NH said that some people have questioned whether Kings Nympton is able to provide a good curriculum and opportunities, as the school is so small. But children who have moved on from Kings Nympton to secondary school are excelling! Receiving awards! This is due to the grounding provided by Kings Nympton.</p> <p>SM commented that children know how to resolve conflicts as Kings Nympton is a small school. CC stated that children know that if they ask for help at Kings Nympton it</p>

				will be given. Small schools give strength to children as they are nurtured, can take responsibility, are resilient and can resolve and forgive.
	Date of next meeting	ALL	TBC	

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