



## Parent Council Minutes March 2025

### **Uniform**

Some parents are requesting that if there's the opportunity they'd prefer the KS2 uniform to be the same as KS1; sticking with polo shirts and no ties. Most felt it was unnecessarily formal and ties become easily lost. Polo shirts might make everyone's lives simpler. Could we have iron on logo's?

Thank you for suggestions regarding uniform which were discussed at the parent council meeting. We are going to send out a parent survey in the summer term regarding uniform. School have made no plans to change anything until this parent consultation takes place. This will then take into account everyone's opinions. We want our children to have a sense of pride when they come to school in their uniform and be ready to learn, we also want the uniform to be comfortable and affordable for all.

Parents asked about P.E kits for when the children go to events and matches at other schools.

We provide football and netball kits when the children go to matches and tournaments, we are looking into funding a separate kit for when children go to events run by Wilmslow High School or other Macclesfield Schools Sport Partnership events.

### **Start of the day**

Parents were unsure of the rationale to the change of the start of the day

The change to the start of the school day is intended to offer a 'softer start' allowing the children to ease themselves into class without the need to line up after a whistle offering children and their parents a calmer start.

Parents are most welcome to bring their children into the playground and walk them to their class but we also recognise that some children are more independent and prefer to walk in by themselves. Whichever way, they will be welcomed into school by a member of staff.

Our rationale was to start the school day easing children into class transitioning from the school run to the classroom and giving children the time to settle before the school day begins.

Our school day starts at 8.50am so this 5-minute window supports this transition before the register is taken.

## **Parking**

Parents wanted to know why they can't park in the residents' car park.

Parking is a widely debatable topic. Due to our location, there will always be some walking element to accessing school. The residents who live in the immediate locality are given a designated car parking space as part of their tenancy by the National Trust. We politely ask our parents to respect this. Historically, the car park was open at the gated entrance off Altrincham Road but this entrance is now locked.

Parents felt that were some parents were being inconsiderate with their parking, parking where they shouldn't and driving along the cobbles too fast.

The POS did an amazing job when they organised a themed walk to school in December. Since then more people are parking at Quarry Bank Mill and walking from there, this only takes 5 -10 minutes. POS plan to organise this again to encourage parents to park at QBM which will alleviate the parking problems. School would like to take part in National walk to school week held in May to encourage more families to walk from Quarry Bank Mill car park.

Mrs Chignell has contacted Styal Cricket Club to ask for more parking space.

Mrs Chignell is going to contact the PSO to do another assembly on road safety.

Mrs Jones is going to take the Reception class on a road safety welly walk.

Mrs Chignell is going to investigate having more signage up along Altrincham Road to stop people parking on the cobbles and on the zig zag lines.

## **Social Media Safety**

Parents would like some help with social media safety.

The children have had lessons about online safety in school. This is revisited regularly in assemblies and themed weeks. We would like to send a parent survey out to gauge interest in an information evening for parents about the topic of social media and on line safety.