



London Christian School Parent Body Meeting

Monday 27 February 8:15am – 9:00am
40 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4JU

Apologies from Julia Grant, Kate Macmillan.

Matters arising from last meeting

PE kit and Sport

NCW has spoken to Kidzbiz about the quality of the new Sports kit. When the current stock runs out we will be seeking a more robust kit. In the meantime the current kit should still be worn as it is the official PE uniform.

Points brought forward for discussion

Inspection discussion

NCW reiterated that this was broadly a pleasing report. NCW thanks to parents for their support during the process and for answering the questionnaire.

Action: by the start of Summer 2 2023, NCW will be communicating the school action plan to address points raised by the report. Some of the actions are dependent on whether we are able to purchase the next door premises. We are still pre exchange but still fully intend to buy.

Feedback on the Christmas market

All considered this a really good event, fostering community.
Room allocation worked well. NCW was pleased with the successful Enterprise stall for Years 5 and 6, and the minimal impact on the staff in preparing for this parent-led event.

There was an excellent core team, with some parents becoming involved early in the planning. However, having a large organising committee would be beneficial for future years, as would more helpers for the day so that volunteers have more time to enjoy the market themselves.

Action: Parents involved this year to use informal channels to explain how the market runs and gain support for the November 2023 event.

AOB/ Burning issues

School lunches

There is a desire from some parents to review school lunch provision. NCW to do another survey to see if there is enough demand. Should we be able to purchase the next door building we would have more space for in house provision.

Clubs

There are mixed views among parents about the impact of missing a playtime for the lunchtime clubs, however, generally this only impacts one lunchtime a week for each child. Some parents would like a wider variety of clubs to be available. NCW feels that for the school size the provision

is very good, and balances well with curriculum demands. However, if there is a parent who would like to offer to run a specific club weekly, there might be an option to consider this on a case by case basis.

Parents would like more communication from the school, with a master schedule of which clubs are available each day for each year group. This would give them early notification for example that music lessons will become available when their child is older etc..

Action: NCW confirmed that we will communicate a master schedule termly and provide an overview for each club so parents know what to expect in the term ahead.

Off site trips

Some parents would like more trips generally, and Year 6 parents are keen to know more about the residential trip.

The school aims to balance those undertaken with classroom learning.

Action: NCW to make sure the trip provision is balanced across all year groups.

Sports provision

We will aim to have a good backup location for Sports Day this year. Last year the unavailability of the astroturf at Tabard Gardens made logistics much harder especially for the lower years.

Fixtures against other schools were agreed to be beneficial, however, the ISA Sports co-ordination for our area is inadequate so the school would need to arrange these themselves. With PE provision currently via KICK there is limited staffing resource to take children to fixtures. But NCW will seek to arrange some fixtures this academic year.

Entering competitions v other schools

We have entered a maths competition with years 5 and 6 and we have chess v other schools. NCW is aiming to balance these activities with classroom learning, but agrees that there is more we can enter.

Communication books

This is the primary means of communication with teachers and allows a measured response. If an urgent request needs to be made then there is an option to liaise via the Office.

There was a general vote of thanks by the parents for the school.