



London Christian School Parent Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 7 May 2024 8:15am – 9:00am
40 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4JU

Points from last meeting

School meal update

This will start in September 2024, but will be optional for the first year of operation. We will keep this under review, and in time school meals are likely to become compulsory. The school are recruiting a lunch manager, and refitting a kitchen to make it suitable for the School meals.

We are hoping that a food van from the proposed food supplier, Appetito is coming at Sports Day, and parents will be able to try the food.

Fencing

It has been agreed that children can wear school uniform for this activity.

ER communication

Photographs and more information is being included in the weekly newsletter to ER parents.

Christmas Market 2024

EH offered to be part of the committee leading this initiative with Kate Huang.

Action:

EW will liaise with other parents who might also be interested in being part of the committee, including as treasurer and will let LE know.

School disco

Nothing is arranged for this term. It will be kept under review.

Sports Day hospitality tent - for parents

VT is coordinating. There will be cakes, strawberries, pimm's, and cordial. It will be located by the gate to the AstroTurf.

Action: VT to let the Office know if a table and chairs are required.

We should have a card reader by then.

The Royal Academy of Arts summer show

Entries were submitted. LCS pupils will receive a certificate of participation and their artwork will be returned to them by half term.

Marketing

A social media policy is in progress, and we are starting an instagram account. New Google reviews are still not showing.

We are updating our entry in 'The good schools guide'. VT and HR offered to write parent reviews for this.

We are proposing to advertise in Kennington and Dulwich train stations and to replenish flyers in the local libraries.

Other suggestions included:

- Writing to feeder nurseries, and providing leaflets and asking for a forum to speak to nursery parents about the school.
- MM suggested leaflets in the Ellen Brown centre
- EH volunteered to post on the 'Kennington sisters' forum.
- YZ and CP offered to place publicity in Canada Water library.

Action: SW to investigate how to enable the LCS google account to accept reviews.

NCW will provide information to VT and HR on what is entailed in providing a review for the Good schools guide

LE to put a notice in the newsletters when more flyers are available for parents to distribute.

SW will investigate our Facebook account.

Building next door

We have commercial tenants until Spring 2025 and are currently consulting on how to use space most effectively which will include both the new and existing sites. A variety of internal fundraising activities are happening.

Points for discussion

Reports - what do parents find helpful/less helpful about them?

Currently reports for Years 1 to 6 are issued termly. Autumn and Spring versions include Maths and English only. The summer report is comprehensive. Children's progress is tracked against the national average.

Parents would value the report including areas where their child is competent, and guidance of where they can encourage their child to develop. They would like some idea of where their child sits within the cohort e.g. in the top, middle or lower third of the class.

Action: NCW will consider how any changes can best be implemented so that the messages are clear.

What would you like to raise at parent body meetings? What are the concerns of parents at the moment ?

Uniform

- Sports trousers are still wearing out quickly. With the new company, PMG schoolwear, items ordered now incur postage and go directly to the parent ordering.
- Request to allow a red cap as an alternative to the sunhat. NCW confirmed that providing the cap is red and plain, pupils can wear these.
- Christmas market idea to have a cap and Beanie stall.

Action: NCW to communicate with PMG schoolwear about alternative sports trousers and about supplying a cap

Library books

- Children have a number of opportunities to read and borrow books from the school library.

ER government hours

- **Action:** CE to clarify and communicate why we don't operate this scheme.

PE

- A request was made for this to be in Tabard Gardens when the weather is better rather than on the roof playground.

Staff on duty for before school playground time

- Concerns that when older and younger children are in the same playground, younger children may be accidentally hurt.
Action: NCW to consider whether older children go from the playground to their classrooms early.

French trip

- This was a great trip which the year 5 and 6 pupils really enjoyed.

Puberty talk

- Parents are grateful for these in school conversations.

CAT tests

- These are undertaken by years 3 to 6. From year 4 the results are shared with parents.
- These tests help inform which Secondary schools LCS recommend pupils to apply to.

Fees in advance

- Are there any FAQs?

Action: The Finance Director would rather respond to individuals. Do contact Charlotte on cellse@londonchristianschool.com

AOB

- Special thanks to HR for her role on the Parent Body.