



The Oaktree and Hermitage Schools Link Parent Meeting 8th December 2021



Staff Present		
Deputy Headteacher – The Hermitage School (THS)	Mrs Gill Condon (GC)	P
Deputy Headteacher – The Oaktree School (TOS)	Mrs Juliet Larsen (JL)	P
	Mrs Claire Woods	P

Link Parents - TOS			
Year N	Michelle Wakefield (MW)/Chloe Cuss (CC) P		
Year R	Robin	Squirrel	Hedgehog
		Gemma Noble (GN)	Amy Wood (AW)/Kelly Pearce (KP) P
Year 1	Dragonfly	Bumblebee	Ladybird
	Amy Botha (AB) P	Ali Dowell (AD)	Hayley Griffin (HG)/Sarah McGowen (SM) P
Year 2	Owl	Rabbit	Fox
	Aime Noble (AN)	Louisa Lewis (LL) P	Carly Rudd (CR)

Link Parents - THS			
Orchard	Louisa Lawrence		
Year 3	Oak	Hawthorn	Willow
	Clare Kirk P	Amy Hill Sarah McGowan P	Sarah Waterman P
Year 4	Monkey Puzzle	Tamarisk	Sycamore
Year 5	Chestnut	Redwood	Silver Birch
	Elsa Rizou Lucy McNally P	Kerry Hutchins P	
Year 6	Ash	Cherry	Maple
	Despina Papadimitriou	Pusan Reid	Gemma Noble

	MINUTES	ACTION
GC/JL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to Mrs Condon for joining us from isolation. Thank you to parents for your feedback and support this term. All contributions and feedback are appreciated. 	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both halves of the week have been filmed for the Christmas performance Shortening the time that the gates are open. The times have changed as we were finding that there was a big gap in the middle of the 25 min drop off time and the children who arrived later were missing their morning activities. We have shortened the gap and there seems to be a steady flow across the 15 minutes now. Our support staff are paid from 8.30 and the time between 8.30 - 8.40 is an important time for teachers and support staff to prepare for the day. This is why we do not open the doors earlier. We are also trying to accommodate parents who drop chn off at The 	



	<p>Hermitage at 8.30. May we suggest that parents come nearer the end of the 15 min drop off if they are able to. We do understand and appreciate people's concerns and we are trying to take all views in to account.</p>	
Year R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication from schools – any progress on aligning the communication systems. Looking at getting one communication across schools, however tired into systems with contracts. • Clubs for Reception Children – we are looking at this at the end of the week due to rising cases and mixing year groups. • Back Gate – Is there any chance that it can be opened – currently due to staffing this is not possible. All exits/entrances need to be manned when open at the beginning and end of the day. • Tasks on Google Classroom. Currently there are no comments so not motivating for children to continue. Could the teachers mark it to show it has been seen – Teachers share children's work with the class so children do have the verbal feedback. Staff training on seesaw tonight so will be informing parents moving forward of platforms and feedback expectations. • Moving to Seesaw for year 1 and 2 and parent passport for Year R • Water – can children be encouraged to drink. We have spoken to the teachers, will speak to them again. Parents could speak to the class teachers. Also speak to their children and encourage them to drink at their snack time. All children have water from a cup at lunchtime. Reception currently still in the hall. Year 1 and 2 in their classrooms so use their water bottles to drink from. 	
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of clarity on spelling houses and maths rockets – will speak to class teacher • Timeliness around communication – parents need at least 2 weeks to book time off. Notifications should come through earlier. – All dates are on the calendar on the website. We will look into notifying parents earlier next year. Around Oct half term for Christmas Production tickets. • Calendar function has a feature to notify all parents of events. • Christmas performance – other schools are allowing performances. We risk assessed it and in line with other swan schools we felt it was the right decision for our school community to keep everyone safe. Understand that this will not please everyone. This was a difficult decision to make. • Do classes get notified of positive cases – as per government guidelines we do not need to inform. If you have a vulnerable family member please let the office know and we can keep you informed • Parents emails not being responded to – we will look into this • Will seesaw replace google classroom – we will have more clarity on this later this week. 	
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the children being mixed up when they move to Hermitage – Decision will be made in the spring term and notified to the parents. 	
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents concerned that children were soaked when they were collected after doing outdoor learning in the afternoon – Normally we go out in all weathers unless it is dangerous, we do have waterproof clothing for all children. We will investigate why this didn't happen. • Could we look at raising funds for a covered area – we can look into this. 	
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions 	
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could we reinstate the notice board – the office staff are really pushed at the moment to be able to do this. The location of the noticeboard is not ideal for urgent notices. We would need to look at a freestanding noticeboard. We have moved away from paper notices as everything is online. We need to look into what is urgent and whether we can text this information. Hoping to move to just sending information on a Friday as previously. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could there be a map for people who haven't picked up before – we do have a member of staff on duty who can be approached and they will be directed to the right place.• Parents who have vulnerable family members – would the school look into doing home learning for the final week – at the moment we cannot close. We are in communication with public health, if parents decide not to send their children in we will be compassionate, however attendance is recommended.• Are you saying you can't close the classes – we can't do this without consent from public health. There isn't a number, public health are asking schools to do everything to keep schools and classes open. Public Health England will be looking at the numbers who have covid as well as the spread.• We still have a lot off with covid –Mrs Spires has issued an update today.• Parents are worried by the lack of communication – this will be passed onto Mrs Spires	
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No questions	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd February - 2.00 – 2.45pm Zoom link to be sent	