



*Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together*

08/02/2022 – 17.00 – Via Teams

### **Parent Forum Minutes**

In attendance:

Adam Hill – Principal

Rose Dugard, Lyndsay Burder, Helen Proctor – Parents.

Apologies – Jo Pritchard - Parents

Adam Hill opened the meeting and thanked parents for attending.

### **Residential Consultation**

Adam Hill shared the initial data from the KS2 residential parent consultation:

#### 2. My child would like to participate in:

(Please answer all that are applicable.)

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- No residential - I don't believe... 2
- Local day trips without any ov... 47
- Camping in school grounds wi... 50
- A local residential centre (e.g. ... 62
- A cultural trip to a city (e.g. Bri... 43



#### 3. My child would prefer:

(Please select all that apply)

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- Outdoor adventurous activity ... 79
- Cultural experiences (e.g. Mus... 48
- Not applicable - answered 'No... 1



#### 4. What monetary contribution could your family afford to make to a residential trip?

(Value for money is one of the key priorities of any trip. The cost will be linked to the types of activity - an overnight trip to Bristol would be more expensive than camping at school, for example.)

Schools often subsidise trips from curriculum budgets or through 'Friends of' groups.

Payment schemes are put in place to support families to spread the cost over time.)

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● None - we could not afford an...	1
● £50 or less	19
● £50 - £100	39
● More than £100	25



The consultation is open until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, but the results are encouraging and indicate parents would be in support of a full range of residential for our KS2 children.

All parents in the meeting were very positive about the possibility of residential trips.

#### School Meals

Parents advised that they were still dissatisfied with the choice of school meals on offer. As a result, a group of parents had written a letter, addressed to Steve Parr – Executive Chef – voicing their concerns. Parents stated this was not specially aimed at the school or its staff.

#### Staffing

Parents asked what staffing may look like with the imminent return of Mrs Baker from maternity leave.

AH advised that final plans can only be announced approximately 6 weeks before any expected return date. Further contractual/employment details were confidential. Mrs Baker had started her maternity leave on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

AH's priority is to ensure consistency in the classroom.

Parents asked if Miss Bryant would continue in the classroom. AH responded that Miss Bryant has been a positive asset to the school and, if needed, had indicated she would remain in school until the end of the academic year, at least.

RD stated Miss Bryant's addition to the staff team had been very positive, she was enthusiastic and a 'breath of fresh air'.

Mrs Sharland started her maternity leave at October half term 2021 and so her return was some way off.

Adam Hill thanked the parents for attending.

Meeting closed at 17.35.

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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