

MIDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Notes of the meeting of the Parent Council
held on
Thursday 12th March 2026 at 9 AM

Present:

Daniel Osborn, HT
Nicole Harrison (Year 6 Rep)
Georgina Campbell (Year 2 Rep)
Melanie Croucher (Treehouse Rep)
Jigar Mehta (Reception Rep)
Karen Litchmore (Year 1 Rep)

In attendance:

Secretary: Shraddha J Qureshi

Apologies / Not Present:

Ebenezer Odebode, PCM (Year 5 Rep)

Meeting duration: 9:00 - 12:00

1. HeadTeacher Welcome

- The Headteacher welcomed and all the members introduced themselves to the Parents Council.
- 2 new members joined today. Jigar Mehta (Reception) and Karen Litchmore (Year1).
- No representative yet for Year 3.
- Georgina Campbell agreed to represent Year 2 & Year 4 until another Year 4 has interest in being represented by another parent.

Attendance and Apologies

Received Ebenezer Odebode's apologies after the meeting.

2. Notes And Actions from last meeting

● **Updates on liaising with the contractors -**

- New contractor appointed. Construction work commenced on 16th March.
- Contractors declined to present plans to parents. Bromley Council advised they had already done so and requested parent questions instead.
- Only one parent raised concerns (including asbestos). Council provided written assurance that all safety and safeguarding checks are complete. Asbestos survey confirms no specialised asbestos removal is required in the demolition zone.
- Work will take place in a fully segregated, sealed area.
- The major demolition will take place over the Easter holidays.
- The contractor is convinced to finish the whole work by August 2026.

- **School to look into homework consistency -**

- Homework policy is under review, led by Ms Moyle, with relaunch planned for September with Grammar, spelling and maths to be compulsory.
- It would include reward systems.
- Mr Osborn confirmed that this would be relaunched in September.

- **TV time in Breakfast Club and After school club -**

- There is no TV used in Breakfast club.
- In the After school club, there is TV on in the background for the TreeHouse children attending the club. But children also have full access to the games and toys there with staff encouraging them to play.

- **If parents can volunteer for clubs -**

- Yes, if the parents can be consistent.
- They will need the DBS check.

- **Communication setup regarding PE, swimming etc -**

- Communication flow charts have been sent out to parents on who, how and when to contact.

3. Head Teacher Updates

- **Staffing Updates - (Year 3 teacher)**

- Year 3 Teacher, Ms C Draper going on Maternity leave at Easter.
- New teacher Ms Rosser will take over from 1st May 26.
- In the interim (approx. 2.5 weeks), cover will be provided by two existing staff members from Midfield.
- Ms Barnett plans to return to Midfield from another school within the Trust.
- Some staff are employed on Trust contracts and may be deployed across schools as needed, which also helps to avoid redundancies.

- **Tree House**

- The school receives approx 200 applications for 40 spaces in TreeHouse.
- From the new academic year, Treehouse capacity will increase from 40 to 41 places. One place will be reserved for a child from Greenwich due to limited specialist provision in that area.

- **School Capacity**

- For the next academic year, the school received approx 245 applications for 60 spaces in each year group.
- Only 3 spaces available in Reception, rest the whole school is full.

- **Construction Work & Road Safety**

- No building work in the mornings of SATs week.
- Year 6 to be made sit furthest from the building work to avoid noises.

- Contractors are not allowed to smoke in and around the gates.
- Recruitment for the Lollypop man/lady is on.
- Council member Chris Price has been invited to take a look at the road crossing as it's unsafe for children while crossing.
- The work timings - 7:45 am - 5pm
- There will be no deliveries or the driveway being used in the children's pickup and drop off times.

- **School Car Park & the green space**

- The school has 28 car park spaces and 88 members of staff.
- Parents of children in Treehouse are allowed car park access as a reasonable adjustment for SEND, without needing a Blue Badge. This followed legal advice after a parent challenge.
- The school is checking with the builders if the car park could be extended.
- The school is working on getting Green space to put in some constructive use.

- **Resident Expert**

The school has introduced a Resident Expert system where children expert in something can do presentations on their expertise to the class/school.

4. Open Discussion: Hopes and Ideas

Q - Parents requested that the school consider moving the Year 2 book change day from Wednesday to Friday.

A – HT will look into it and update accordingly.

Q - Can the Resident Expert programme be scheduled in the calendar of school, so that parents can know the dates in advance to book their children and the kids can display their expertise in the Reception area.

A – HT liked the idea and will make arrangements.

Q – Parent council members currently do not have an established medium to communicate the discussions to the parents that take place during meetings.

A – HT to look into setting up dedicated email IDs for Parent Council communications.

- HT will also see if parent council members' information (Photo/Email id) and the pointers discussed can be put on the newsletter and Dojo.

5. Next Steps and AOB (Any Other Business)

Confirm date of next meeting

- 18th June at 9am

6. Actions agreed / Summary of the session

- HT to consult parents if Year 5 children can be walked home alone.
- HT to look into the year 2 book change day.
- HT to schedule the Resident Expert day in the calendar and carry out the performance in the Reception area.
- HT to look into setting up email ids for PC members and see if the members' info can go in the newsletter and Dojo.