

**St Katherine's School
Parent/Carer Association Meeting
27th January 2021
6.30pm**

1. Welcome

- Mr Humphreys: Headteacher, Mr Maw: Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral), Miss Richards: Deputy Headteacher (Teaching and Learning), Ms Huzzey: Head of Philosophy & Beliefs / PSHE / Citizenship
- Parent Association members introductions

**2. Feedback
Uniform**

By changing the supplier:

- Monkhouse has a Bristol shop (the current supplier only has a shop in Trowbridge).
- CST schools use this supplier
- We have secured reduction in the cost of uniform, particularly for the disadvantaged students. VAT charged in the senior uniform.
- Uniform- cost discussed. Slight changes to cost at KS4 and KS3. Significant decrease in cost for those who in receipt of PP if ordered through the school. Parents would be able to access support through the hardship fund where appropriate
- Branded/standardised trousers and skirts to be included within the uniform expectations. This ensures that confusion is minimised and uniform is standardised.
- A buyback scheme has been developed (as suggested by the Parent Association). Items will be purchased back by the school at 50% of the original price. If used, this would decrease the cost of the uniform compared to current suppliers.
- Survey to be shared with students
- Please contact Mr Maw if you have any feedback
- Mr Maw talked through the different skirt options. From the children who have seen the options, A has been the popular choice.
- Current Year 7 and 8 students would be provided with a skirt or trousers free of charge ready for September. Years 9 and 10 will not be expected to change their uniform at this time. Incoming year 7 students will be expected to purchase the new uniform.

PCA Feedback

- Some trousers could be purchased at a cheaper rate
- Students would need several items of each piece of uniform
- The buy back scheme may not be available for those who wear their uniform particularly well!

Learning@Home

- Engagement with L@H is significantly better than that which we saw during the last lockdown. Miss Richards introduced the screen-free Wednesday to. This is to encourage children to move away from their screens and spend time being more active.
- Parents asked whether could we encourage children to move around more in lunch and break?
 - JJH - we have been discussing this and are looking at ways to encourage more movement and more time away from the screen.
- Miss Richards confirmed we are trialling the use of breakout rooms in online lessons and will look at their possible use in both academic and pastoral sessions. It was noted that tutor phone calls are very supportive.
- Children should be receiving at least one 'live' tutor session per fortnight. In other sessions, activities should be available on the googleclassroom for the tutor group.

- We are currently asking pupils to keep their cameras turned off in online lessons. We will continue to review this policy.

PSHE

- From September, it has been compulsory to teach relationships & sexual education and physical health and wellbeing
- Lots of the topics build on primary school teaching
- RSE is delivered in PSHE/ Society & culture
- Changes to the right to withdraw from sex ed:
 - Parents are able to withdraw their child (up until 3 months prior to their 16th birthday) from sexual education only but not within the science curriculum.
- We will also communicate with parents when an RSE unit is about to be delivered
- Feedback will be gathered in the near future
- An overview of the SRE curriculum is available on the school website

Other feedback

Future agenda items

To be shared by Julie Moller

Date of next meeting:

Monday 9 April 2021

Thank you for sharing your thoughts this evening. Please contact us by phone or email if you have any other thoughts/questions.