

## Meole Brace CE Primary School – Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ 2.00pm

KS1 Playground Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Davies showed the parents an outline of some of the outdoor play equipment that Eden Play had designed.</li> <li>• Further work and consultation was needed with staff to decide on the final design. Governors are also to be consulted on approving the cost. The good thing with this company is that it can be done in stages so we could initially use the £4,000 pledged from the Friends of the school.</li> </ul>
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents reported confusion with logging onto the weekly newsletter page, some parents think that the black bar across the top is where to sign in for the newsletter. School managed to remove this from the homepage.</li> <li>• Some parents said that the app does not work for them. Mrs Holloway to investigate</li> <li>• Suggested sending the newsletter but teachers2parents e-mail.</li> </ul>
E-mailing parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers2parents (our text messaging service) now have an e-mail app, admin staff will send more and more of the School letters in this manner to cut down on the waste of paper.</li> </ul>
Parking and plans to make dropping off and picking up times safer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Laurens, our local councillor, has secured funding to possibly provide a path from the park and stride straight across to the school grounds, we would then relocate our gate. This project is in the very early stages.</li> <li>• Our travel plan has recently been updated and sent out to parents/carers.</li> </ul>
Foundation Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scooter locks - Mrs Rothwell to chase up</li> </ul>
Cycling without helmets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Davies agreed that this is a concern and she would send a message out to parents/carers</li> </ul>
Second Hand Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parent asked if this is something we had thought about.</li> <li>• Mrs Crane is planning to sell some at the fair and at her monthly coffee mornings. A message would be added to the newsletter to inform parents.</li> </ul>
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents said that it was hard to get the school polo shirts. Mrs Holloway is to stock some from Sainsbury's in school.</li> </ul>

Book Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents asked for a wider choice of school book bag as the current one is too small when children pack everything. Mrs Holloway to investigate this.</li></ul>
Indoor Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Davies agreed that it would be cleaner if children were able to have two sets of shoes but it simply would not be feasible for a school our size to accommodate and also some parents would struggle due to their financial circumstances.</li></ul>
Teaching Assistants for the new academic year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Davies explained that this year, due to financial reasons, we had only 4 day cover for support staff in classes.</li><li>• Fortunately the budget looked much better this year and there were plans to increase the support back up to the full school day. This would work much better for staff and parents.</li></ul>