

# **PARENT COUNCIL CLASS REPS 2025-26**

**14/05/26**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Dover	Stephanie Slater
Leeds	Jordanna Reader
Rye	Karen Storr
Hever	Kayleigh Easey
Deal	Gina Ashcroft
Thurnham	Sarah Bull
Allington	Anita Boyt
Bodiam	Alison Farrant
Walmer	
Scotney	
Tonbridge	Francesca Boulton
Rochester	Aly Semanco
Canterbury	Amy Jones
Herstmonceux	
Pevensey	Angie Holland

## **Staff attending**

Giacomo Mazza

Sally Lang – Minutes

## **Governor**

Katherine Tunnicliffe

## **Apologies**

Aly Semanco

Amy Jones

Angie Holland

Alison Farrant

Gina Ashcroft

Sarah Bull

GM began the meeting by welcoming Jordanna, who is the new parent representative for Leeds. He also reminded the committee the purpose of the meeting – to capture positive aspects of the school and to support school development.

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This is the last parent council for the academic year. An email will go out to all parents to ask if anyone else would like the opportunity to be a parent representative. If current parent representatives would like to continue, please also let us know.

## Previous actions

SL to add a link to the Curriculum page on the Newsletter so that parents are directed to the correct area.

**\*This has been added to Newsletter 02/04/26**

<https://coxheathnew.ovw6.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Groups&pid=266>

SL to add link on Newsletter with helpful tips on sentence starters with your child.

**Added to the Newsletter 02.04.26: For practical sentence starters and easy ways to get your child talking, take a look at the helpful ideas shared on the webpage below.** <https://anitaclear.co.uk/questions-to-get-children-to-talk-about-school/>

SL to send a form / questionnaire for use of ASC / One hour club / External paid club

**Not actioned – new team in ASC.**

SL and DF to look into changing the Microsoft form settings so that parents can only respond to a form once.

**This has been looked at and we can unfortunately not change setting for parents to only fill the form in once. However, there is an option to ‘allow receipt of response after submission’. This has been actioned.**

SL to add to newsletter - add a chain or padlock to bikes and scooters to help prevent the wrong bike or scooter being taken.

**This was added to the Newsletter.**

AF going forward to advise a cut-off date when asking for trip volunteers.

## **Actioned**

AF to make parents aware of the new restrictions at Marden carpark when parents need to drop here for future trips.

Site team to order new ‘no smoking, no vaping’ signs for the school grounds.

GM to speak to site team to prioritise health and safety walks each morning on the school field.

GM and site team to check the height of the gates by the library entrance.

**GM believes this has been done.**

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GM to remind MDMS and other staff to send notifications after recording on medical tracker – add to briefing.

**This has been actioned.**

## **Leeds**

- Parents are very appreciative regarding the successful school trip to the Rare Breeds Centre and expressed gratitude to the teachers for a lovely day and for how the children are progressing.
- The most common issue raised by multiple parents is the fact that there has been something to bring in almost weekly for a class activity. There is a suggestion that instead of sending multiple emails, there could be a list of activities sent out at the beginning of term which would require input from parents / carers and that if there is more notice, we could allow to have spares so that no children get left out.

**Lessons are planned ahead so this should be feasible. GM to feed back to the team.**

- Parents feel like there hasn't been much published on Facebook for Leeds class to show what the children have been doing.

**GM said that he will remind teachers of the expectation of one post per week for each class on Facebook.**

**GM also discussed how going forward, we are going to trial a termly Newsletter per class. This will give key information such as homework, top tips, topics for the term etc. This will start in Term 6 and as well as being sent to parents, it will be added to the website.**

- There is a concern at the lack of sun cream policy and parents feel that they should be applying sun cream after lunch with the temperature and sun exposure increasing. And one parent is concerned children are still wearing puddle suits and could potentially overheat.

**GM understands this concern. Children are allowed to bring in their own names sun cream and be encouraged to apply it again at lunchtime if we have a sunny day. Children will be encouraged to apply themselves due to time restraints. A member of the parent council also recommended 8-hour sun cream to help avoid reapplying whilst at school.**

**SL to add note on the newsletter regarding children bringing sun cream and sun hats in as the weather improves.**

- Some parents are frustrated that the ice cream van parks outside of school. It is creating enormous pressure on parents/ carers with limited finances and also, it can be quite distressing for the children who see the large queues and are not allowed to get one.

**GM will speak to the ice-cream van. He is unable to stop the van coming to the road outside the school, but will inform them that it has been raised as a concern. Parents who are concerned are able to report to the local council who may come and move it on if they are parked in an unsafe area.**

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**GM mentioned that he has spoken to the road crossing man to explain that he cannot give sweets out to the children.**

## **Hever**

- School menus

**We are going to ask the school council to look into school dinner choices and investigate what meals the children enjoy / would like to see on the menu.**

**GM reminded parents that the kitchen is catering for a large number of children and on a tight budget. Next parent council meeting GM said he would bring a sample of the food for the parents to see.**

- Hever parents asked if children could come into school in PE kits.

**This has come up in discussion before but the school feels that it is a life skill and good for children to practice getting changed.**

- Attendance rewards

**GM let parents know that attendance rewards will come out next term.**

**GM also explained the new attendance reward we run weekly, that the class with the best attendance receive extra playtime.**

- Outdoor time / Forest school.

**GM reminded parents that although the reception class has its own forest area, we are not a Forest School. It was also discussed that, following the success and enjoyment of the mile run for Mrs Callegari and the marathon, the school is exploring the possibility of introducing more whole-school activities each term to bring the school community together.**

## **Rochester**

- Rochester felt there was more supervision required during lunch time and could more activities be available/more structure to support children. It is believed there is an increase in the number of issues and that some children can feel unsafe at lunch.

**GM informed parents that there is adequate supervision at lunchtime, with two senior leaders and midday supervisors on the playground. The bus is also available for children who wish to use that space. GM further reported that parent survey results showed that 95% of parents feel their child is safe at school. He encouraged any parent whose child does not feel safe to speak directly with a senior leader about any specific concerns.**

## **Allington**

- Allington parents were aware that there was a library visit due for their class but hadn't had an email to remind them, so some children missed bringing in their library card.

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**Could all teachers send emails with the days of library visits, or alternatively have reminders on a whiteboard outside classrooms.**

## **Tonbridge**

- Tonbridge class loved their recent trip Canterbury Cathedral and seeing the many photos on Facebook.
- Tonbridge parents have asked that parents have more notice if they are required to help out on the next trip.

**Going forward, dates for trips will be included in the new termly class newsletter for parents. GM will speak to staff to ensure a fair process is in place for all parents who wish to volunteer and support school trips.**

## **Pevensey**

- Pevensey parents needed some more information on bike ability.

**AF let parents know that more information was being sent out by the end of the week.  
\*This was actioned.**

## **Dover**

- Parents reported that some children have been given vegetarian options as there was no main option.

**SL to check with kitchen.**

- Parents would like teachers to remind children to drink water throughout the day.

## **Thurnham**

**The notes for Thurnham missed the meeting but please see below comments**

- Thank you for organising a great school trip!
- A heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Coxheath for their kindness, support, and warm welcome to Bella as she returns to school.
- I want to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful work that teachers do with our boys and girls. Their patience, encouragement, and thoughtful guidance have helped to my boy adjust and grow in confidence in this school's hard program. As a parent, I am truly grateful for them
- We really appreciate the extra support from Mrs Harding and being gentle with building confidence when certain areas can be challenging.
- The PTA are doing an amazing job with the extra events this year.

## **Parent Survey**

GM shared with parents at the meeting some of the percentages the school received in comparison to national figures. The full results will be shared with parents.

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One result GM would like to understand better relates to the statement: *'The school makes sure children are well behaved'*, which scored 84%. GM explained that feedback from visitors and recent challenge partners has consistently been very positive regarding the behaviour of pupils at the school. As the surveys are anonymous, any parents who would like to discuss this feedback further are encouraged to speak with a member of the senior leadership team.

## **To action**

- **GM to feed back to reception classes to send one email with all thing's reception class may need for the term.**
- **GM remind teachers to post weekly on FB.**
- **SL to add to the Newsletter regarding sun cream / sun hats.**
- **GM to speak to the person running the ice-cream van.**
- **GM ask teachers to remind children to drink water (younger years)**
- **SL to check with kitchen about queries regarding Reception class getting offered vegetarian options and not main.**
- **Teacher to remind children to drink water throughout the day.**