

**Minutes of the Parent Forum
Water Meadows Primary School
Thursday 9th September 2021 at 14:15**

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
1.	Welcome/Present	Mr Ben Martin (Headteacher/chair) Mrs Sam Webb (PSA/minute taker), Sonya Mrashall, Anne-Marie		
2.	Apologies for absence	Katie Broadbridge		
3.	Matters Arising from previous minutes	None		
4.	Board of Directors request:	<p>To share the Trust’s vision and gain feedback from the Parent Forum.</p> <p>BM discussed the Trust Vision and shared his screen from the Trust website. BM spoke about The Stour Academy Trust recognises that our education system needs to quickly and more radically shift to close equity gaps and to better prepare our young people for the 21st century. We are transforming our schools from passive forms of learning focused on direct instruction and memorisation, by moving towards interactive methods that promote the critical and individual thinking needed in today’s innovation-driven economy. The CEO’s aim is to nurture a community of learners that challenge thinking, where our staff are empowered to take risks and develop their practice to meet the needs of an evolving school system, which is not held back by traditional restrictions and ideologies. BM acknowledged the lockdown process and how we utilised technology and supported our children. BM added across the trust we are well resourced.</p> <p>KS2: All KS2 have iPads. One Note is being used for planning and is child led, with the children accessing One Note for all work although pupils still have handwriting books. BM added that classrooms are set up differently, changing the environment to suit all learners. Some pupils may wish to sit in a chair, others may prefer to sit on the carpet or the bean bag.</p>		

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		<p>EYFS learn through continuous provision and explained how this is developing into Y1 & Y2. Classrooms are set up differently again, with teachers accessing One Note for their planning then using continuous provision. Ipad and role play areas have been set up. BM updated this has been a magnificent start to the term. We are creating learners of the future.</p> <p>BM invited members to comment: AM commented on what do the children do when they first arrive? Parents would like to look around the school to see how this is working. could this be done by class?</p>		
5.	Return to School	<p>Gain the views of the Parent Forum on how this has run so far.</p> <p>Feedback has been positive. Parents have commented how they like the 15-minute window in place and would like this to continue. BM agreed this will remain in place.</p>		
6.	AOB	<p>Look to recruit more parents onto the Parent forum – maybe change the word ‘Forum’</p> <p>Start coffee afternoons and uniform exchange</p>	Start Tues 14/9	SW
7.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 10 th November 2021 at 09:15 – Water Meadows Primary School		