

<b>Overton CE Primary School</b> <b>Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 02 July 2025 7.15pm</b>			
1	<b>Present</b>	<b>Head Teacher:</b> Fiona Wyeth (FW) <b>Governors:</b> Oli Rodi (Governor), <b>Parents:</b> Clare Albert (CA), Claire Brady (CB) - Year R Rosie Oglethorpe (RO), Jessica Pizzotti (JP) – Year 1 Claire Whitlam (CW) – Year 2 Sarah Wariss-Simmons (SWS) – Year 3 Laura Harrison (LH), Jessica Pizzotti – Year 4 Laura Harrison (LH) – Year 6	
	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Emma Daniel (ED) , Teresa Pepper (TP), John Mitchell (JM) (Chair of Governors), Rob Price (RP), Sarah Thomason (ST), Liz Chapman (LC)	
Item	Subject	Points	Actions
2	<b>Matters arising and actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby coaching: FW confirmed she had contacted previous rugby coach and conversation is ongoing</li> <li>• Meet and Greet sessions: dates to go in July letter</li> <li>• School calendar: in future, distinction to be made between current and incoming Year R so will use New Year R to differentiate</li> <li>• School calendar: all parent council members to remind classes to update their calendars to their new year group for next term</li> <li>• Inter school sporting: conversations ongoing with Kingsclere, Whitchurch and Oakley schools, with two events organised for w/c 7<sup>th</sup> July; see below for further discussion on this matter</li> <li>• Tuck shop: bread rolls to be available from September; frequency and price TBC; Dolce are cashless so it will have to be added to School Grid</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions: survey to be taken in autumn term</li> <li>• Signage to external doors: to be in place for September</li> <li>• Making the Friday newsletter more inclusive: to be actioned for September</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Parental support for transporting children to sports events</b>	Feedback from parents to parent council members suggests that parents are strongly in favour of sports events and of supporting the transport in some way. Key considerations were around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding and insurance considerations if driving other children               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Previously have checked MOT, insurance and car seats, and always have parent's own child in the car with other children; parents giving lifts would be consistent with other schools in Basingstoke and Deane</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School to confirm requirements around insurance and permission forms as plans are developed</li> <li>• Timings, costs and level of commitment and required for giving lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Availability constraints may mean that it is easier to provide financial contribution</li> <li>○ Unlikely to be possible on Friday afternoons as all teachers are busy during that time with their statutory time for Planning and preparation</li> <li>○ More clarity to be provided around timings and costs as plans are developed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Why the sports premium funding could not be used for this purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ While this would be a valid use of the funding, there is a concern that this would mean spending it only on a small number of children who participate in competitive sport, rather than for the benefit of the majority of children</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Following conversations with parents around the options for transport to sports events, parent council members also received a lot of feedback on the availability of competitive sports at the school. It was strongly conveyed that parents feel that there should be more opportunities to play competitive sport at school, especially in KS2. Key points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing team sports at school is important for access, as not all children are able to access after-school clubs or ORC sports clubs either due to financial or logistical constraints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ KS2 do have access to team sports within PE, covering cricket, football, netball, hockey, tag rugby</li> <li>○ Interhouse football and netball matches are played during school time and this included the Year 6 finals which are normally played at the summer fair</li> <li>○ Football is played at lunchtimes on rotation on the MUGA with each year group</li> <li>○ Having single school teams for competitive sport would advantage a few children rather than the majority</li> <li>○ 75% of children have accessed an after-school club this academic year which is a significant increase</li> <li>○ All ORC clubs are run by parent volunteers and some believe this is to fill the gap in school provision. Mrs Wyeth explained that Overton has a long history of sports facilities and clubs run by volunteers and this has been in place long before she became Head</li> <li>○ There is likely to be funding to waive or reduce fees for ORC sports clubs if the cost is prohibitive for some children</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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4	<b>Smart phone initiative update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only Year 6 will be allowed smartphones in school from September 2025, and will be allowed non-smart phones from September 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This information has been circulated to all parents (as well as appearing in local and national news) but it is possible that some parents are not yet aware of this change</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Basingstoke &amp; Deane primary schools have funded a series of webinars for parents, which all parents are encouraged to attend regardless of their child's age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dates for webinars have been circulated to all parents, but a reminder would be good to make sure as many parents attend as possible</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date reminder for webinars to be added to Friday update</li> <li>• All parent council members to remind other parents about the webinars through channels such as WhatsApp, noting if required that this is a Basingstoke &amp; Deane-wide initiative and not the parent council member's own opinion</li> </ul>	

5	Next academic year 2025-2026	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent council to continue with current members next term to keep momentum, with new members also coming to the next meeting</li> <li>• OR to look over action logs from previous meetings to summarise successes to share more widely</li> </ul>	
6	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting agreed for 7:15pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	