



*Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy
Parent Partnership Team Meeting
Thursday 13th November 2025, 2.15pm*

Present:

Louise Minter – Headteacher, LM
Kate Llewellyn – Governor, KL
Rachel Turner – Governor RT
Jade Taylor – Childcare, JT
Zoe Gibson (Nursery, Owls)
Louise Whitticase (Robins)
Hannah Watson (Owls)
Kate Phipps (Childcare)
Rob McCann (Bluebells & Puffins)
Lisa Weaver (Snowdrops & Kingfishers)

Apologies:

Vanessa Martin
Sarah Arnold

Minutes: Rachel Lazar - RL

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from those mentioned above.

All members introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed by LM.

LM outlined the Working in Partnership with Parents policy (available on the website), highlighting the purpose of the Parent Partnership Team.

Parent Items:

Temperature in school

A Nursery parent commented that a few parents had mentioned to her that the school had felt really hot. LM reassured her that the heating has only been put on in the last week. She stated that staff will open windows in the classrooms if it feels stuffy.

LM went on to say that the school's Eco-Team, which is run by Mrs Harlow, will be looking at ways to make the school more eco-friendly and a Climate Change and Sustainability Plan has been written to support our on-going development in this area. RM volunteered to help with this group as it links to his job role.

Information sent to new parents

A query was raised around the difference in some of the paperwork received by the current Nursery parents as part of induction. LM and JT clarified that children with additional needs are usually given additional documentation, 'Passports' to support their transition into their next year group/school. This includes photographs of their classrooms, teachers, coat pegs and so on, all of which can be found on the website.

Recognition of achievements outside of school

A parent asked what the school policy was regarding recognising children's achievements that they have received outside of school. LM said there was no set policy regarding this, however, if all achievements were recognised; man of the match from football games, dance trophies etc this could take up a lot of time. Equally, Show and Tell can take a lot of the teachers' time and children can end up bringing a variety of objects into school! A few different ideas were discussed which LM will talk to the staff about, one being that achievements could be read out during Good Work assembly.

Pool/Sports hall update - fundraising

LM discussed her hopes for the future of the pool building becoming a sports hall to be used by school children and hired out for companies to use at weekends and evenings. Parent Partnership were in agreements with this as were the PTA. ZG offered that her husband could give an additional quote for the work that is needed as we currently have quotes that vary vastly in price. LM confirmed that a CIF bid for this work would not be accepted.

Reception snack time

A parent had raised a query regarding Reception eating snack in the afternoon rather than the morning. LM has spoken with the Reception team; this works for the cohort. Having snack time in the afternoon doesn't disrupt the flow of the morning and they haven't had any complaints from the children.

School Items:

Safeguarding

LM spoke about safeguarding within school - this being everybody's responsibility, no matter what your role. Children need to feel safe within school in order to make the best possible progress. They learn from an early age how to keep themselves safe, including PANTS day, anti-bullying week, Road safety and Online Safety Day to name but a few. Last half term Streetsbrook had 3 fire evacuations, 1 planned, 2 unplanned. The children all coped with these evacuations extremely well and have a very clear understanding of what they have to do if they hear the fire alarm.

LM stated that this half term we will have an invacuation from the playground into the hall. LM will hold an assembly beforehand to explain what happens in an invacuation and this will be done in a very age-appropriate way so as not to scare the children. LM confirmed that the staff are fully aware of what they have to do in a full lockdown situation.

Security was discussed, including the fact that school has CCTV. There is a monitor in the office which staff have full view of, including the pedestrian gate and car park gate which they check before buzzing anyone in. Some older CCTV cameras around the school grounds are being updated. The pedestrian gate is being fitted with an electric arm that will ensure the magnet pulls tight resulting in the gate being closed when pulled to. However, this still relies on parents closing the gate when they enter or leave the school grounds; this is imperative for the safety of our children.

Water in drinking bottles

The school's expectation is that all children will bring water in their water bottles to school. This is stated in the school prospectus and always has been, and we expect parents to adhere to this. Unfortunately this has not been the case and as of this year, staff in Reception have insisted this is the case. This decision is related to feedback from public health regarding a rise in tooth decay in young children. LM acknowledged that this wasn't something that had been communicated ahead of the start of the academic year but that it was in the school's prospectus.

A parent noted that they would like the choice to provide squash in the morning then happy for the bottle to be topped up with water throughout the day. LM commented that a lot of children do have milk at snack time and will drink water at lunchtime as well as what they have in their water bottles.

LM is very aware that this is an area of school life that the school will never please everyone with. Part of the school's curriculum is to teach children about healthy eating and living healthy lifestyles and drinking water is a fundamental part of this.

Going forward it will be made clear to all Reception parents that it must be water provided in bottles.

School Improvement Plan

LM shared an overview of the School Improvement Priorities for 2025-26.

School Values/Nurture Principles

LM shared Streetsbrook's updated Values/Nurture Principles.

'Learning for Life'

At Streetsbrook, we strive to provide an equal chance for all to become responsible and caring citizens who lead happy and fulfilled lives, and are equipped with the skills and abilities to shape the world they live in.

Our Values are:

- Self-Belief
- Belonging
- Respect

These are embedded into our Nurturing Principles



AOB

A parent mentioned that his child doesn't always get the pudding that they've chosen at lunchtime. LM explained that the pudding trolley is unmanned therefore perhaps other children are taking puddings that they didn't order if they see something they prefer. Teachers and LTS will remind children that they must pick the pudding that they have ordered.

Date of Next Meeting

LM thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Next meeting Thursday 5 March 2026, 9.00am.