

**Minutes of Parent Forum  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**



**Attendance**

- Mrs Arran is leading on attendance, she is working very closely with Mrs Burles and Alison Mornix from the local authority to improve the attendance at DGPS.
- Letters to all parents have been sent out if their child's attendance is causing concern.
- Evidence will be needed for all medical appointments.
- Attendance contract will be introduced where necessary.
- There is no entitlement to holiday during term time. The school will discuss the use of fines with the LA for unauthorised absence during term time.

**Early Years**

- Miss Aladag is now the interim EYFS lead.
- The early years consultant from the borough is also visiting DGPS weekly and is working very closely with the whole EYFS team.

**Phonics**

- We are working very closely with the English Hub. The English Hub consultant is working very closely with Mr Davies the English lead and Mr Vasileiou our phonics lead, to ensure as many children as possible will pass the phonics screening check.
- We have also been given a £3000 grant from the English Hub, which we have bought decodable reading books that will be used in reading groups in class and then sent home as home readers.

**SEND**

- An Occupational Therapist Consultant has visited and has reviewed and amended OT programmes.
- Support from the local authority is in place and they will be working very closely with Mrs Lett to ensure the best outcomes for the children in ARP.
- All staff across the school have received and will continue to receive training on how to adapt and support teaching and learning for our children with SEND.

**School start times/Gate times**

- School starts at 8:45am. Children need to be in class and lessons begin at 8:45. The gates will open at 8:35 and will close at 8:45. Any child arriving after this time will be marked at late.
- 8:45-3:15 is the 32.5 hours that children are required to be in school.
- Please can parents refrain from talking to class teachers at the start of the school day, please talk to the teachers at the end of the school day or contact the school office.
- Nursery times are 8:45-11:45 and 12:15-3:15. The Nursery door will not be opening until 8:45, when the morning nursery session begins. If you have older children, please drop them off first, then drop off your Nursery child.

### **Curriculum**

- Miss Lowe has been working with our Link Officer to develop the art curriculum. Our Link Officer will also be working with Mrs Toma to develop the subject leads across the school. Miss Osman is working on developing the Science curriculum.

### **Behaviour**

- The leadership team within the school are currently reviewing the behaviour policy. There will be a survey sent out to all parents asking for views.

### **School Streets**

- We are working with Ealing Council on the School Street initiative to make sure the streets surrounding the school are safe at drop off and pick up time, for all families and local residents. There is a pop up event at school on 22/05/24 from 2:45-7:00 for all families at DGPS and local residents. Please fill out the online survey to give your opinion.

### **Question:**

Where are we going for September – will the school have a permanent Headteacher?

**Answer:** There is a meeting in the half term break with governors to discuss next steps going forwards. As soon as any decisions have been made, parents will be informed.