



RECORD OF MEETINGS

Meeting Title: Parent Council



Present: MHa; FHo; ASm; Mr Barker; Mr Clegg; Ms Wilde; Ms King; Mr Alloway; Mrs Alloway; Ms Davies; Ms Jones; MS Smith; Ms Burr; Ms Douglas; Ms Roseblade

Apologies:

Date of Meeting: 9.6.25

Agenda Item	Who	Discussion Points
	MHa	Welcome the group and introduce Mrs Horsley.
SEND at UVHS	FHo	Introduced herself and her vision: wants all pupils to thrive without exception. Focus is on inclusion to ensure that all students are able to access school and the curriculum.
	Parent	How will the bespoke care be facilitated?
	FHo	Has been mapping the interventions, which cover a range of needs across all year groups. Mapping skills of the STA staff. Looking at the interventions to ensure that they are ensuring quality. Focus on ensuring that provision is effective, so starting small. Responsibility for provision is across the school – needs to underpin the ethos of the school.
	Parent	Is this a cultural change? How will this look in relation to the way in which school is run, especially for students who are able but neurodiverse?
	FHo	Yes. It won't happen overnight but it is a necessary shift in mindset. SLT must model those expectations to staff.
	MHa	There is greater consideration now of the range of abilities in the classroom – we need to ensure that all staff know their students better.
	Parent	How will staff know which students are struggling?
	FHo	A much wider whole school approach – an “emerging concerns system” is being launched imminently to try to identify students who are struggling at an earlier stage. Safeguarding concerns have risen because we are identifying concerns at an earlier stage. All students with an ECHP will have a keyworker from September in addition to a form tutor.
	MHa	We know where we want to be but we are working towards it incrementally.
	FHo	Has a lot of personal experience in this field. Schools are having to become more specialist because there is a very limited offer in Cumbria. We have to change to meet the needs of our school community.
	Parent	It is very difficult. The journey for parents is very lonely, and they need support.
	FHo	Wants to hear from parents about what support parents would value so that we can offer that support in addition to supporting students.
	Parent	Parents who don't have SEND children would also potentially benefit.

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	MHa	This is the start of something.
Cooking	Parent MHa Parent	Someone in the child's class never brings ingredients. Could parents not pay on parent pay and school provide ingredients? Some lessons allow students to adapt recipes which would this make this difficult. Some students have their ingredients bought for them. Would potentially cause issues for someone in school to purchase ingredients.
Homework	Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent	Sometimes what is on edulink is not clear enough TRe will be attending the next meeting to present on the new homework policy Will it still be on Teams? Yes – it is the means of communication of the task but it was never intended for homework to be done on teams. We will be moving our MIS in 12-18 months and the interface will change. Some students find homework to be a step too far. Some consideration in the future of which subjects students should be expected to do. Needs also to focus on length of tasks rather than "completion" The literacy requirement of Sparx maths is too challenging for some students.
Effort grades	Parents	Some students (especially with SEND) are trying exceptionally hard but this is not necessarily reflected in their effort grades.
Primary transition information	Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent FHo MHa Parent MHa	How does information transfer? We get a lot of quantitative data but not always a lot of other information. Would UVHS support individuals regardless of diagnosis? Yes. There has been a lot of change since Easter – eg student passports need changing. Schools need to share more. There will be a lot of change. Can UVHS arrange for support organisations to come in to meet with parents, eg ADHD Northwest? Yes. Want students in lessons as much of the time as possible. How does this fit with duty students? Should they be out of lessons? Should be on a rota. Stops after year 8.
New staff	MHa	Two new MFL teachers for September. Fully staffed in Maths. ITE trainees have less classroom experience now so need more support as ECTs.
Athletics event / equestrian team	Parent MHa	Are parents allowed to attend the event in Blackpool? Sports are going really well this term.

Meeting closed: 17.55