

## **Air and Share – 03/12/25**

Parents: Mr Allen, Mrs Tane, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Crossman

Staff: Mr Lawson, Mrs Holden and Mrs Hewitson

### **Catering Update:**

JL provided an update on the decision to move away from Radish (our current catering provider) to an in-house provision. This decision has been based on lengthy research including visits to other small schools to gain valuable insights, listening to our children (who were not happy with no pizza options on Fridays) and a parent survey. Some of the clear advantages to moving our catering in-house will be increased control over quality and portion, increased management of cost and pricing (currently at a reduced cost) and complete oversight of the menu choices offered.

Mrs N commented that parents were pleased with the new menu and increased portion size. A taster session at a parent's evening was suggested and the parents in attendance agreed this would be very helpful in aiding food choice selection.

### **Lockdown Procedure Update:**

JL advised that following on from LEA communication we have 24 months to implement Martin's Law. St Michael's school falls under Tier 1 and the legislation that has been passed details how we need to prepare for and that we must practice for, such an event.

JL advised that our security provision is complex due to having several different buildings on site. However, historically we already have certain deterrents in place including high perimeter fences, CCTV installation and key fob access to doors. Concern was raised on the name (Lockdown), language and delivery of our procedure and how we would ensure it wasn't frightening. JL confirmed that legislation dictates what the procedure is called. JL reassured that we are currently in the process of finalising this and that it will be adapted to ensure it is child friendly.

Concerns were raised over the fence between the The Chequers and our field. JL reports that we are looking into this as there is an ongoing disagreement over the boundary. There are also concerns over the stage/platform on the The Chequers side which enables easier access to our field.

**Response:** JL confirmed that the procedure will be shared with parents before showing the children.

### **Parents Evening and Book Look Feedback:**

Parents and children continue to very much enjoy our Book Looks. Could an additional one be added?

Parents welcomed the in-person Parents Evening but some felt the 10 minutes was not long enough. A suggestion was made that could teachers be present on the playground once a week to open up channels of communication.

**Response:** If any parents/carers need more time, they can always speak with class teachers on the door or ask for another meeting via the office. If we were to give more than 10 minutes the meetings would go over 3 evenings. It can be tricky for teachers to be on the **playground before**

school as they are getting ready for the day, however most are on the doors in the mornings and in some KS2 classes the teachers come out with the class at the end of the day. This will be fed back to staff.

**Sensory Circuits:**

Could Reception Class join Sensory Circuits?

**Response:** Having spoken to reception they often take groups of children out for sensory activities and there are always sensory activities set up in class.

**Any other business:**

Is there a capacity limit on classes?

**Response:**

Legally 32, but normally 30. Governor approval would need to be sought.

**Boiler Update:**

Why are we having a temporary boiler installed and why now?

**Response:** The existing boiler would not survive the Winter and so work needs to start now. The temporary boiler will operate whilst the permanent boiler is being installed.

**Christmas Lights Switch On:**

Lots of positive feedback from parents.

Concerns were had over the management of the bouncy castle and that there was a lack of responsible adults overseeing this activity.

Some felt that there had been confusion in the communication as to what was being included in the ticket price and refreshments provided.

**Response:** We will pass your feedback to The Friends