

Monday, 6th July 2023

Woodbridge Road Academy Council Meeting

Attendees: Naomi Shenton, EPB (parent), BD (parent), NL (parent, online)

New build progress update

The new school building is delayed, expected to be handed over on 25th Aug; supply chain issues with the cladding are to blame.

This would still allow time for the pupils to move into the building for a starting date of 12th Sep. Contingency plans are being considered in case of further delays.

The building is water-tight and most of the internal work has been completed. Most of the furniture has been delivered.

Pupils and their parents will be invited for a tour of the new building on the first week of Sep. The invites will go out soon.

In Sep, around 60 pupils will move into the building. The school will be divided in 8 classes: 1Y5/6, 2Y7, 2Y8, 1Y9, 1Y10, 1 Y11. Staff recruitment is almost complete with more TAs being interviewed.

Parent / carer workshops and coffee mornings

The school's leadership remains committed to bring parents to participate in the school life, with monthly coffee mornings starting in the new year. The idea is to alternate the day of the week in which they happen.

EPB has kindly offered to set up a FB group for parents. This could be a good forum to organise lifts to coffee mornings/workshops.

Next workshop will be in the subject of puberty. The school welcomes ideas from parents on further subjects of interest.

Behaviour Framework

A first draft has been shared. It was suggested to add additional wording on the subject of quieter voices while indoors.

Reflection sheets are proving useful; pupils have now access to three different options. Pupils will continue to be encouraged to do a little reflection after each lesson, giving them ownership on tracking their own behaviour.

Consequences will be actions (ie. tidy up what was mess up); they will be "fair but not equal".

Praise will continue to be individual and subtle. We feel that praise postcards are working well. It was suggested to introduce a point system towards a reward.

The school is liaising with Adele Bates, a consultant very experienced on challenging behaviour.

Careers

Y10 pupils have had input on further education options such as colleges and sixth form options. The plan is to continue offering this support and also bring somebody from the Job Centre to give a workshop on the "world of work" (ie. interviews, different types of roles,...) – parents will be invited to some of the sessions.