

Woodbridge Road Academy Council Meeting

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Attendees: NS, LS, GJ, GK, SM

1) Educational visit payments options

We discussed the possibility of making monthly payments for trips, set up in instalments.

Council members were positive about the option and happy to pay even if they weren't sure exactly which trips would take place as some are organised with shorter time scales. Any remaining money could be refunded at the end of the year.

2) Use of MCAS - how can we help people to access it

Naomi asked for suggestions from parents about how to help people to access and use MCAS.

Parents said the app is easy to use and that the messages pop up.

They were also aware that there is a guide on the website.

They noted that they weren't getting notifications for payments eg PGL.

- Charlotte to look into this.

3) Parent / carer coffee mornings / drop ins

We discussed the possibility of a page on the website where we could sign post parents/carers to resources and parents/carers could share tips with each other (for example about cinema passes)

We discussed the possibility of opening up the family room one morning per week for parents as a drop in session. Parents were supportive of this idea. We discussed the idea of creating support networks for parents.

We discussed the possibility of hosting courses at WRA, for example Suffolk Family Carers.

We discussed the possibility of a fete during the summer.

Any other business

PGL - parents noted they aren't getting notifications.

They said they would like notifications for food tech payments.

The postcards were noted as great incentives for pupils. Naomi to mention in briefing to encourage staff to send them out.

Council members had some brilliant suggestions for venues to approach for work experience.

Next meeting - 25th February at 2.15.