

Date: 5.12.24	Class/Form: Primary 1, Primary 2, Junior, KS3 JC, KS3 AD, KS3 DE, KS4 SW, KS4 LC, KS4 MW, KS5 AM, KS5 AH, Chimes
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Topics for discussion:

What's Going Well: What's been the best part of school so far? Are there any improvements compared to last year?

- KS3 DE: Lessons are more interesting, life skills better with more things to do.
- KS3 AD: Lessons better – enjoying PE and swimming. Lessons have improved
- KS3 JC: Swimming, PE and Food Tech
- 6th Form: Enrichment lots of activities, lessons – Maths, option choices, Robin Hoods Bay, learning environment improvement
- Primary 1: Happy playing with the toy phones, sensory bus and football
- Primary 2: Maths, English, Enrichment, Bikes, 50th party, winter sports day and Swimming
- KS4 LC: Dance sessions, Food and Nutrition, Health and Social, Animal Care, meeting up with peers in other areas
- KS4 MW: Maths, trips and options are great, really enjoying the gym
- KS4 SW: Sports, revamping some of the other rooms would be good
- Chimes: Lessons, playing football, events and enrichment, new classrooms

Adjustments Needed: Is there anything that's been difficult or confusing? What could we do to improve this in the future?

- 6th Form: Like to be able to play football with the younger ones, the mini bus isn't in great condition, improving the communication from school as sometimes 6th form can miss things
- Chimes: House system – no mixing or changing teams, PLG website spelling mistakes
- KS3 DE: Forest Schools is cold, it would be good to have lunch with other key stages not just our own
- KS3 AD: More trips and residential
- KS3 JC: Some core subjects
- Primary 1: Not hitting, pushing and making sure we share
- Primary 2: Slow down the lessons a bit
- Junior: Some lessons, choosing where we sit
- KS4 LC: Staff forgetting to put merits on which is unfair, sometimes lessons can go on too long as this makes us late for our next lessons
- KS4 MW: PSHE environment is challenging because of the content. Too many distractions in some lessons.
- KS4 SW: More break times, more Maths, another timetable display in school

Do you feel safe when you're in school, in classrooms, and in other areas like the playground or hallways? Are there specific areas where you feel less comfortable or safe?

- Vote: 12 out of 15 pupils voted to say they felt on school

General comments:

- Feel very safe in 6th form
- In the corridors people can try and trip you up
- Swimming changing rooms – messing around
- Corridors feel busy when moving around – lot of corners
- Groups could line up better and it makes it hard to move around our equipment from class to class
- Strangers around school can make me feel uncomfortable
- Reminder about red lanyard for visitors

Do you know who you can talk to if you did feel unsafe? Who would this be?

- Vote: 13 out of 15 pupils said they had someone they could talk to

General comments:

- SLG, Teachers, TAs, LPs trusted friend, SLG, time in the quiet room, wellbeing

Have you ever been taught how to keep yourself safe at school and at home (e.g., online safety, bullying)? What did you learn?

- Primary 2: If you're not kind to other people they won't be kind to you. Know about bullying and what it is.
- Primary 1: Being able to share and make friends
- KS4 LC: Online safety taught in Computing
- 6th Form: Don't talk to strangers, don't bully, going out in the community helps us know we need to stay with the adults and don't talk to strangers
- KS3 DE: Learning about being safe online, first aid in life skills, Bikeability
- KS3 AD: Don't share personal information, learnt about self-harm in PSHE
- Junior: Blocking people online who make you feel unsafe
- JS3 JC: Making sure parents can see what you do online

What are your thoughts on the new lunch time clubs? What is good about them? Any ideas about things we could add?

General comments:

- Lots of PLG members as accessing lunch time clubs
- Going okay but can feel short as we don't have much time
- There are less student incidents at lunch time because the clubs give us things to do
- We love the Friday sports club but wish there were more clubs for Primary
- It would be good to have more information about what the clubs are and what you do in them
- More sports would be good.
- Gym and hair and beauty for KS4/5 only which is hard for KS3

Ideas for new clubs:

- A football club.
- Karate club

- Boxing club
- Fencing club
- Bike club
- Art and craft club
- Gymnastics club
- Film club
- Jujitsu club

Are accessing 'Do Now' activities at the start of lessons? Why do you think we have started to do this at Dawn House School?

- KS3 AD: Maths and English are about getting resources ready
- KS3 DE: Finding they're been used in most subjects to help remember information and prepare for the lesson
- KS4 MW: Not happening every lesson
- KS3 JC: Most lessons and a good refresher
- Juniors: Yes, so our brains are ready to start the lesson. Lots of these are on whiteboards
- 6th Form: Only in some lessons but not all.
- KS4 LC: Computing is always consistent
- Primary 2: Yes - nice to be sharing ideas and helps us learn more things

Any other business:

- Chimes: Alumni on the school website
- 6th Form: Not going into main school for lessons and a whole 6th form trip
- 6th Form: Would like the opportunity to go swimming
- KS3 AD: Pets to school day
- KS3 JC: It is very loud in the dining room
- 6th form: Support with driving licence at 6th form
- KS4 LC: Additional therapy dog
- KS4 LC: Sponsored silence

Actions:

- Mr Norman will share with teaching staff pupil reflections regarding how they feel lessons have improved this academic year and particular subject highlights
- Mrs McConnell understands pupils comments regarding the mini bus and this is in our strategic plan for the school
- SLG will continue to remind staff about the application of merits
- SLG will monitor and address busy corridors and potential tripping hazards
- Mr Norman will follow up with teachers to ensure all staff are using 'Do Now' activities consistently.
- Mr Norman will update PLG on the school website to ensure spelling is correct and also the alumni section is more visible

