

Date: 24th April 2026

Location: Online / St Luke's Primary School

Chair: Mr Dan Bates (Deputy Headteacher)

1. Attendance

Staff Present:

- Dan Bates (Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo)
- Hannah Jones (Office Admin)

Parent Representatives:

- **Reception:**
 - **Year 1:** Sarah Raoufian
 - **Year 2:**
 - **Year 3:**
 - **Year 4:** Lisa Cresswell
 - **Year 5:** Sarah Gaston
 - **Year 6:**
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2. Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome and Matters Arising

Mr Bates welcomed the parents to the second Parent Council meeting of the 2025-26 academic year.

- **Feasibility of uploading optional resources to the Google Drive**
Year 6 and Year 3 have had additional resources uploaded when they have been helpful. IDL resources have been used
- **Trip contributions** - gently nudge parents that trips are costly to the school, any contributions are greatly appreciated to reduce the burden and allow trips to continue to enrich the children's education.
- **Caterlink** - extension on 6 week booking limit. Controlled by Caterlink, we have no sway.

2. E-waste project

Our School Business Manager is setting up the scheme. The scheme is for recycling e-waste, similar to the Bag2School but for old cables, tech, mobile phones etc. It is focussed more for the children to understand the need to recycle our e-waste. Borough-wide initiative and the winning school receives a recognition of the achievement.

Does the borough take into account the fact that we are only a one-form entry school which makes it hard to compete with the larger schools.

3. Parent Survey

Mr Dutton requested a few highlights from the Parent survey from the additional comments. Mr Dutton tried to respond to themes through the additional comments. Hopefully parents found it useful? The questions used in the parent survey are those used by Ofsted. Consensus from those that read the comments is they were very helpful, but it was felt that a lot of parents hadn't read the comments as many questions raised were answered in those comments.

The general feeling in Year 1 is that there is not enough feedback from staff to parents; can there be a monthly feedback from staff to parents? The capacity of teaching staff to introduce more feedback time is not practical. We offer an open door policy so any concerns can be addressed in a meeting at any time by contacting the office to arrange an appointment with the teacher.

4. Back page of ROA

This is something that is time-consuming for the teachers to undertake with the children. The feedback from staff is that there is a better way for the children to give their thoughts on their year in school. We are looking to reduce the amount of writing for the children, particularly for the younger years when writing can be an onerous task for some.

5. SIAMS

The SIAMS report has been published. We received a 1, which is the rating we wanted as it shows the children are flourishing and the school has the christian ethos in all aspects of the curriculum and school. She made some really lovely comments from the SIAMS inspector. It's a different process from ofsted; one inspector for one day. They look for a church/christian ethos through the school, looking at faith in the broadest sense throughout the school and highlighting inclusion.

The inspector was so impressed with how articulate, passionate and bright our children are.

Is there any space for atheism/agnostic worldviews? These are not in the Southwark diocese

curriculum to cover but we are making steps to look at broader worldviews also. Feedback felt that generally the school does very well as the children are coming home with well formed and thought through opinions.

6. Observation of school lunches

An opportunity for the Parent Council to attend a lunchtime service to see how our lunchtimes runs. There is a chance to see the service, food, kitchen, speak to the catering staff etc. Do let the office know if you would like to attend.

7. Meal prices shortfall voluntary contribution reminder

There is a shortfall on both the KS1 and KS2 meal costs, we asked for the top up contributions as although not a crippling amount it adds up over the year for the 200 children who have meals every day.

8. Any Other Business (A.O.B)

Year 4 - questions were raised over the priority of the Soundfield and front of school works.

Soundfield - We have some hearing impaired children in the school; one of the recommendations made by the teacher of the deaf was for the soundfield as it would be beneficial for the child but also for all the children in class.

They are statutory in Canadian classrooms and it makes sense for both the children and staff as everyone hears equally. It effectively means everyone can hear the teacher as though they were sat in front of the teacher regardless of where in the classroom they are and is such a basic but obvious improvement.

They were a significant investment but all the initial feedback from staff is that they make an enormous difference.

The Front entrance works were in response to parental requests for being able to park buggies for nursery, covered parking for bikes, the safety aspects of children running on the benches despite requests for them not to, the wet-pour was degrading and needed replacing.

Money in the budget is allocated for premises spending and is not able to be spent on other things. We have a school development plan for improvements around the school to maintain and upgrade the environment for all who use it.

There is now good access for buggy parking, scooters and bikes. We have a successful nursery and we also want to keep the school looking good as financially the school relies on children coming in and as the number of children in the borough decreases we need to keep

attracting parents and children to the school.

It has been noticed that there is lots of concrete and all the nature is being taken out. Is there any way of getting more green back in? There are plans for a gardening club.

Meeting Closed.