



**NEWLAND HOUSE SCHOOL
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETING**

Thursday 26th January at 5pm

Board Room

Notes of the meeting

1. Welcome from the Head

The Head, Mr Skelton, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions were made and the attendees were:

Mrs Bell – Bursar

Mr Gumpert – Chair of Governors

Miss Holmes – Governor

CLlr Phil Giesler – Richmond Council

2 local residents who are also parents of current pupils at the school

3 further local residents

Mr Skelton extended a thank you to our Gap Year students for delivering 250 invitations to local residents.

Contributions to the agenda had been received from 2 local residents

2. Notes from previous meeting

There were no comments regarding the notes from the previous meeting

3. Parental Parking

Illegal Parking and Idling:

Mr Skelton agreed that parking in resident only bays, zigzags and double/single yellow lines and allowing engines to idle was not acceptable. He showed the meeting the page on the parent portal where communications from residents and photos of parking infringements were posted. It was commented that this demonstrated that the school does not condone these actions by a minority of parents.

Mr Skelton noted that parking was now much easier for parents in the morning with the introduction of the CPZ, but that the end of the school day was more challenging. The

parents are parked for longer at pick up but Richmond residents can park for half an hour on the Ringo app in the multi use bays.

Cllr Giesler commented that some drivers were parked in CPZ bays with their engines running and suggested that teachers could be out at the beginning of the day and knock on the drivers' windows

A resident mentioned again (having raised this at a previous meeting) that some parents load and unload their children on the road side rather than the pavement which would be safer.

It was further noted that the recent road works on Strawberry Vale and the diversion route had significantly increased the traffic on Waldegrave Park

A resident suggested that the school had parking attendants in high vis

A resident of Fieldend said that the residents had been concerned that the introduction of the CPZ would mean that they would be invaded by parent parking in Fieldend but that they were pleased to say this had not been the case. They were particularly concerned that parking on pavements cracked the slabs.

Mrs Skelton and Cllr Giesler both commented that encouraging active travel was important.

4. CPZ

Cllr Geisler asked if the council had been in touch with the school regarding the number of business parking permits. Mrs Bell confirmed that they had. The permits had been issued in respect of the two business addresses that the school has. Mr Skelton commented that he remained concerned that parking was necessary for some school staff whose salaries made living in the area unaffordable.

It was noted that the CPZ had significantly reduced the number of cars parked in Waldegrave Park during the day.

5. Traffic

Mr Skelton stated that the School is a legitimate business and Waldegrave Park is a busy thorough fare. During term time all schools generate traffic on the local roads.

CLlr Giesler commented that it was important to continue monitoring active travel and making improvements

CLlr Giesler reported that Richmond Council were trying to delay the implementation of the ULEZ extension by 6-9 months to allow more time for people to plan to change vehicles as there were concerns regarding the supply

A resident commented that he was concerned that Waldegrave Park was always chosen for Bus route diversions and the extra traffic caused by the recent diversions

6. Noise

After some discussion it was agreed that there would be a meeting with a concerned resident, CLlr Giesler and representatives from the school to specifically talk about this.

Mr Skelton commented that fencing of 2.5 – 3 metres had not been required by Richmond officers

7. External lighting

Mrs Bell commented that the external lighting was on for safety reasons but that she would check the timings.

8. Any other Business

○ BREEAM update

Mrs Bell reported that the application has been submitted to BREEAM and we are now waiting to hear back from them

○ Community use of school and Charity support

School used free of charge by Otaker who are a local charity providing music therapy for children with additional needs. The Teddingtones is a local community choir who rehearse every week at the school and recently performed at Hampton Court Palace. The Head Boy and Head Girl charity is The Book Trust and the Parents Association are supporting Cystic Fibrosis

○ Upcoming events:

- Parent and Staff Quiz night 3rd March

- Summer Fair 25th June
- Fireworks 4th November

Date and time of next meeting will be published on the community page of the school website