

Date/time:	17 March 2023 at 2.00pm	In attendance	Clare Barber (Principal) Sarissa Williams Matthew Ash Nigel Truman Rachel Truman Sharon Evans
Location:	The West Grantham Church of England Secondary Academy	Minutes	Julie Swatton

Minutes	Who	By when
<p>The Principal opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the format of the meeting. She invited attendees to put their feedback and comments forward.</p> <p>A parent stated that the format of inviting parents to offer their feedback and ideas is a brilliant idea and that they welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Principal on a termly basis to be involved in initiatives to support the academy.</p> <p>Nigel and Rachel Truman sounded the opportunity for the school to be involved with the Grantham Squash Club and the meeting discussed the positive outcomes this could have for students as an enrichment or afterschool club option.</p> <p>A parent stated that their child is really happy at the school. They complimented the office team for their support and prompt handling of queries. They added that they are impressed with the open and honest communication approach the academy has. Parents noted the academy's ethos of providing rounded support for all students.</p> <p>A parent told the meeting that their child had experienced racist comments made against them and that this matter had been dealt with extremely well by the academy. They stated that their child is happy and settled at the academy.</p> <p>The Principal asked if parents would value the addition of a PTFA. Parents unanimously agreed this would be a positive introduction as it would support community involvement and provide opportunities for parents to promote the academy.</p> <p>A parent championed the academy's initiative to offer a one week transition for its year 7 intake.</p> <p>A parent raised the lack of performance events, such as music events and drama productions. The Principal apologised that the Panto had been cancelled and told attendees that a summer production is planned for the Summer term.</p> <p>A parent commented that her child is not receiving enough homework. The Principal said she would follow up on this.</p> <p>The Principal asked attendees if they had any comment to make on the introduction of the A5 student planner. Attendees acknowledged that they did not utilise the function of planners for communication as they should. The Principal encouraged them to look at the planners weekly, sign them and use them to communicate with the school. Attendees noted that the planners are used for homework setting. The Principal explained that a new online system is to be introduced in the Autumn 2023 term and that this will replace Class Charts, WisePay and ParentHub. This was positively received by attendees as it will put all communication into one portal, simplifying the process for parents.</p> <p>A parent recognised the work of the pastoral team and said that the no blame culture and consistency of messages to students is having the impact of a positive no bullying message in the local community.</p> <p>The Principal thanked all for attending. The meeting closed at 2.45pm.</p>	Principal	ASAP