

PRG You Said We Did June 2022

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You raised some pertinent concerns about road safety, in particular around the issues arising on Lemmington Way with parent pick up and drop off. Despite the roundabout being fully operational now, families are still using this area to pick up and drop off which is causing a hazard to students and other road users.	We agreed that the traffic on Lemmington Way is causing a hazard, we have asked families to use the school car park for pick up and drop off, have spoken with local residents about reporting dangerous driving to the police, have asked the council for traffic management support and have, where possible, placed a member of school staff on the south side of the bridge after school. We shared that we are still actively campaigning for the 98 and 200 buses to serve the school directly as this would reduce the volume of pedestrian traffic. We shared that we have lobbied at Parish meetings for pathway widening or barriers on the south side of Rusper Road.
You asked about priority booking for next year's ski trip for students who were not selected to participate through last year's lottery.	We explained that all students will be given the chance to participate in the ski trip when they are in Year 10. The year groups that the trip caters for are (Years 8 and Year 10) current year 8 (2021/22) who were on the reserve list should have first refusal in Year 10. We also shared that we are looking into the possibility of running a Year 11 expedition, this would be after their exams in the summer of 2024 but is dependent on finding a staff team to run and attend the expedition.
You discussed the recent and ongoing heatwave. Asked some questions about our policy around allowing students to come to school in PE kit when the temperature got higher. You asked about the possibility of students wearing hats for PE? And about the hat policy generally in school. You also asked about the new uniform for Year 10 and 11 students, and in particular about the decision to move to ties - where there had been any consultation and when the ties would be ready for purchasing?	We explained that students would move to wearing PE kit to school when the temperature reached a point that was unusually warm and we would keep a close eye on forecasts to make this decision. We explained that students in Year 9 were expected to wear uniform for the day trip to Ypres because they would be visiting a battlefield and the Great Cemetery and we expected them to demonstrate high levels of respect. We explained that in hot weather, students are not expected to wear their blazers but should still bring them to school and that in hot weather, hats are absolutely encouraged outdoors but branded hats would not be provided at this time as they would add another expense to families.

You talked about the future of the PRG, the role it plays as the school grows and shared ideas and thoughts about succession planning for PRG as the school gets bigger.	We all sadly acknowledged that Gill, the current Chair, was stepping down and thanked her for her brilliant work in setting up and running the PRG for three years. We asked that nominations to become the next Chair be sent by email to Ms Ayling. We agreed that, in the new term, we would hold an information event for the new families joining the school and would hopefully recruit some new members from the new year groups and would then elect a new chair and vice chair.
You talked about the updates to the iPad scheme and asked when will Year 9s get their new iPads?	We explained we were awaiting delivery and would be in touch as soon as supply issues had been resolved.
You shared with us that sometimes the Food Tech ingredients list is sent out late and that this causes inconvenience to families. You asked about consent forms - and in particular if there was any way to know if you've completed one?	We agreed to look into the issue of Food Tech ingredients and explained we have a specialist teacher of that subject starting in September which should iron out any issues. We investigated the issue around consent forms and have asked all staff to set Google forms to send families a copy of their responses from now on. We asked that you let us know if that isn't happening and were grateful for the suggestion which will also streamline our processes.
You asked about the possibility of getting or getting funding for outdoor table tennis tables so students had more to do at lunchtime.	We are very keen but currently don't feel that there is sufficient staffed space and more pertinently, we do not currently have the required funding; we also asked our finance officer to add a regular update and link to our easyfundraising.com page on the bulletin as a permanent item.
You discussed concerns around the Collyers admissions policy for school priority for 'affiliated schools' and worried that Bohunt was not one of those schools and would not therefore get priority places at their 6th form.	We met with Collyers and were happy to be assured that we are indeed one of their affiliated schools and receive the same admissions priorities as the other local secondaries: https://www.collyers.ac.uk/about-collyers/partnerships/local-partnerships/