

Present: Mark Smith, Kellie Hatcher, Victoria Doran, Jo Webb, Sarah Birch, Claire Wright, Angela Forrester and Sarah Batts

Apologies: Olivia Goodgame, Jackie Hampson

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

Footpath – the footpath had been flooded again this week. Parents now understand it is not the responsibility of the school and appreciated the text message before school to tell people to cross with Rose Meadows.

New Matters arising:

1. Scooters on the Playground after school

A couple of parents felt disappointed that the children were being told not to ride around the playground on their scooters before and after school as there are few other places to do this in the village.

Mr Smith explained that he understood their disappointment but the start and end of day is very busy with parents, children and younger sibling coming and going from school. There have been several accidents where children have ridden into others and this has resulted in a number of parent complaints. In addition the school cannot provide a playground for after-school use. This is mainly due to health and safety and insurance reasons.

2. Icy Weather

A parent had asked if the playground could be gritted on icy mornings.

Mr Smith explained that this is what the school normally does when it is very slippery but apologised for the fact it had not been done a couple of weeks ago when we had the harsh frosts. It is not possible for the school to grit large areas of the playground and all walk ways. They do endeavour though to grit a pathway from the back gate to the back door and across to the side of the building. The school does not have a full time caretaker and so this job is often done by Mr Smith in the morning. To reassure parents, when it is very slippery the children will stay in at break time or be restricted to a particular area of the playground which is safe to play on.

3. Uniform

A parent had asked for the school to clarify whether girls can wear red tights.

Mrs Smith said that it was not part of the existing school uniform policy but recognised that the red did look smart against the navy skirts and red sweatshirts/cardigans. This suggestion will be taken to the next full governing body meeting.

A parent had asked whether there is a staff dress code.

Mr Smith said that there is a staff dress code. The dress code is smart/casual to ensure that teachers can work in a practical, safe and professional manner. Working with young children will inevitably involve spending lots of time on the floor, cooking, doing art, PE etc, and so staff dress must reflect the nature of the job. This is something that will be revisited at the start of the new term with all staff though.

Meeting closed at 9.45am. Next meeting Friday 1st February 2013 at 9.00am.