

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 1:00pm



### 1. Attendees

Mr Kernan - Principal

Mrs Price - Business Manager

Mr Ceclich - Personal Development & Family Support

Mrs Whitney-Smith - Safeguarding & Family Support

Mr Gardiner - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Head

Mr Hunter - Phase Leader / Class Teacher / PSHE Lead

Miss Klug – Council Lead

### Class Representatives

**Oak:** PK **Birch:** EHJ **Hazel:** MA **Kite:** JW **Elm:** MH

**Yew:** JC **Hawk:** LS **OWL:** AH **Snowdrop:** CO **Kestrel:** CB

Introductions were given by all attendees, including class representatives.

## 2. Review of Previous Actions

### 2.1 Modern Languages Survey

- **A previous action involved completing a survey to understand student interest in a Modern Languages Club.**
- This survey needs to be repeated, as the original action was not fully completed.
- JW (Kite) agreed to lead this survey.
- Kite class will support JW by visiting KS3 and KS4 classes to gather information about:
  - Whether students would be interested in learning another language.
  - Which languages they would most enjoy learning.

Action: JW and Kite class to conduct modern languages interest survey before next council meeting.

### 2.2 Gaming Club

- **Mr Ceclich updated that a new Gaming Club for KS4 is now running during break and lunchtimes, Monday–Thursday.**
- New games and a monitor are still required.
- Mr Kernan asked that KS4 students think creatively about how to request these items.
- Suggestions included:
  - A persuasive writing task
  - A video request
  - KS4 students are to agree on a task between classes.

Action: KS4 to collaboratively produce a persuasive request (format chosen by students) for additional gaming resources.

### **2.3 Outdoor Gym Equipment / KS4 Outdoor Area Development**

- **Mrs Price updated on ongoing development work for KS4 outdoor spaces.**
- Contractors will be visiting to explore gym equipment options.
- To be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Action: Mrs Price to continue development discussions and bring updates to next meeting.

### **2.4 KS4 Sheltered Area**

- **Discussion raised about a sheltered space for KS4 students.**
- Ideas included exploring a shelter over the patio or the entrance to the field.
- This will be reviewed as part of the wider KS4 outdoor development plan.

Action: Mrs Price to explore shelter options as part of KS4 outdoor area planning.

### **2.5 Animal Care Sessions – Sixth Form**

- **IC updated that Animal Care sessions at Sixth Form are now in place.**
- Three students from KS3 attend each week.

Action: None – action completed.

### **2.6 Reward Systems**

- **New reward boxes and additional coins have arrived.**
- These will be installed outside classrooms.
- Site management team to complete installation.

Action: Site team to mount reward boxes outside all classes.

### 3. Class Representative Feedback

Representatives were given the opportunity to share their classes' thoughts on future developments within school. The following points were raised:

#### Requests / Discussion Points

##### 3.1 Oak – PK

- **More bins needed on the KS3 playground.**
- Action: Mrs Price to explore options and order additional bins for required areas.
- **Request for monkey bars, swings, and more play equipment for KS3/KS4.**
- SK explained that KS3/KS4 outdoor areas will be reviewed before the summer break to consider what additions can be made.
- Action: Review to continue and be discussed at next meeting.
- **Additional sandwich choices.**
- Action: Mrs Price to speak with the school cook and provide feedback via email to KS3 and KS4 in the coming weeks.
- **Suggestion to finish school earlier on the last day of term.**
- Mr Kernan asked for further discussion in classes, noting that an earlier finish could reduce time for class rewards or parties.
- Action: PK (Oak) to consult Oak class and provide feedback at the next meeting.

##### 3.2 Birch – EHJ

- **More outdoor play equipment, including a roundabout for KS3.**
- Action: Mrs Price to add this request to the KS3/KS4 outdoor development plan.

##### 3.3 Hazel – MA

- **Query about having a bigger dining hall.**
- Mr Kernan explained that although there is a changing room behind the dining hall that could potentially be developed, the high costs and the possibility that the room may be needed as a future classroom means this is not a current option.
- **Request for KS3 to have extra time on the KS4 field/outdoor area.**
- Mr Hunter explained KS3 previously accessed this as a weekly reward.
- **Action: Mr Hunter to explore reinstating this and provide feedback to KS3 classes before half-term.**

##### 3.4 Kite – JW

- **All-weather pitch currently out of bounds due to slippery surface.**
- Mrs Price updated that a contractor has visited this week and will return with a quote.
- Action: Mrs Price to update KS4 when further information is available.

- **Request for nets for the football goals on the field.**
- Action: Mr Leech (PE) to explore options and order goal nets.
- **Enquiry about a dedicated Art Room.**
- Mr Kernan explained that the Art Teacher (CP) currently moves between classrooms and, due to limited space, a dedicated Art Room is not currently feasible.

### 3.5 Yew – JC

- **Request for special guests to visit school to inspire students regarding interests, labour market opportunities, and different jobs.**
- Action: Mr Ceclich/Mrs Whitney-Smith to send a message to parents/carers to ask if anyone is willing to come in and speak to classes. Explore with Mrs Ceclich.
- **Request for more educational visits linked to learning.**
- Mr Kernan said that best practice would be a “1 in, 1 out” approach:
  - One visitor comes into school related to a learning topic.
  - One visit is then taken offsite.
  - Class teams have the freedom to organise these.
- Action: Mrs Ceclich (Careers Lead) to either attend the next meeting or provide an update on careers opportunities for KS3.

### 4.6 Hawk – LS

- **Nothing to share currently.**

### 4.7 OWL – AH

- **Request for a football target to be added to the all-weather pitch, preferably something that can be hung.**
- This will be revisited once the all-weather pitch surface has been repaired.
- Action: To discuss again after maintenance work on the pitch is completed.

### 4.8 Snowdrop – CO

- Nothing to share currently.

### 4.9 Kestrel – CB

- **Raised again the need for shelter in the KS4 outdoor area.**
- As previously discussed, this is part of the wider KS4 development plan.
- Action: Mrs Price to continue exploring shelter options within KS4 outdoor development

## **5. Any Other Business (AOB)**

### **5.1 £150 Class Budget for Outdoor Activity Boxes**

- Mr Kernan and Mrs Price reminded the council that each class has a £150 budget for outdoor activity resources.
- If additional items are required, staff should complete an order form and submit it to the finance team, using General as the budget code.

### **5.2 Council Books for Members**

- Mr Ceclich and Mrs Price will order School Council books for all student representatives.
- Action: Mr Ceclich & Mrs Price to arrange ordering of council books.

### **5.3 Number of School Council Meetings per Academic Year**

- Mr Ceclich to confirm with Mr Kernan the number of School Council meetings held each year.
- Mr Kernan will confirm this before the school breaks up for half-term.
- Action: Mr Ceclich to check with Mr Kernan; Mr Kernan to confirm before half-term.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 1st April 2026 – 1.00pm