

London Christian School Parent Body Meeting Minutes

Monday 28 April 8:15am – 9:00am
New Hall, 40 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4JU



Points from last meeting

LCS 20th Anniversary celebration

This is planned for June 2027. We are looking into a suitable venue for a celebration, including the King's Greenwood centre. It will be a community event with good marketing opportunities. If the Parent Body has any creative ideas which can be incorporated they are to let NCW know.

Hot lunches

These will be for everyone from September. We have fine tuned the menu, and children are enjoying the food more.

Action: NCW will speak to staff to reiterate our aim of ensuring portion sizes are suitable for each child. Some children sometimes feel they have more on their plate than they can manage.

Actions from Christmas Market 2024

Most actions will be discussed at the first meeting of the next academic year. Feedback given on the Eco-council plans to have a stall and their preparations for this.

Action: Office to find out the costs of the cleaners coming in after the Christmas Market. Proceeds from the Market to pay for this.

Sports day hospitality tent

This is being organised by Venetia Taylor and Eileen King.

Action: Volunteers are being sought via the newsletter and parent WhatsApp groups.

Parent Body events

The Parent Body would like to put an event on in the Spring term 2026. We will discuss this in September and publicise the event at the Christmas Market. The Parent Body are considering some Merchandising ideas such as a Tote bag.

Action: Parent Body to feed back in September.

Parents going on school trips

NCW fed back to the staff about letting parents who volunteer to come on trips know whether they are required or not.

Points raised at this meeting

What communication (means and content) about their child would parents value that we do not already provide?

- A diary app linked to key dates and homework set. **Action:** to be looked at by the marketing specialist once recruited.
- Relaying to new parents at ER and R entry that communication with parents will be different from what they experienced at nursery. The emphasis will be on communication of what is being taught, weekly through newsletters, and termly by means of reports and teacher parent meetings.
- Parents like the new report card. The details given demonstrate teachers know the children. **Action:** NCW to feedback to staff.

- Parent Body to keep up discussions on this point. We will raise the item again at our next meeting at the start of the new academic year.

What are the school's significant strengths?

This is something we need to understand as an item in future school inspections (next one is due in Dec 2025). Examples given by the Parent Body included:

- mentorship and example setting older to younger children
- a strong school culture - expectations of kindness etc
- children allowed to express and keep their own individual personality - freedom within boundaries
- staff awareness of and understanding of each pupil's personality and strengths and areas they struggle with - strengths are encouraged and noticed
- authentic - children can be themselves
- family feel
- taught different methods and ways of approaching their learning
- non-selective and yet excellent and varied exit results. Value added (with caution that we aren't seen as and don't become an 11+ hothouse)

Action: At our next meeting we will ask about academic strengths.

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School Uniform

- Parent Body commented that recently PMG was out of stock for a variety of items including customised uniform such as jumpers and cardigans.
- **Action:** Office investigated.
- Response from PMG: during the quieter times of year they hold stock of all plain items and not always the logoed items. They say that if an item shows as out of stock then please continue to order it, and PMG will enable a plain item to be logoed as quickly as possible. During the busy ordering period for a new academic year more logoed stock is usually held. Delivery time is on average 3 working days to dispatch.

Running Club

- Could this be available for Year 5 children?
- **Action:** NCW to look into that. We are looking to employ our own Sports Teacher with an advert currently out.

Drinking water

- The school will encourage children to drink plenty of water at appropriate times of the school day.