



## Crockham Hill C of E Primary Parent Council Minutes

6 February 2026

### In attendance

Mrs Higgs (Headteacher)

Emily Keely (Chair)

Representatives all classes

Agenda Item	Key Discussion points	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	<b>Review of actions from previous meeting on 10 October 2025</b>  <b>All actions complete from last meeting - Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Council Meeting times – Due to Rock Steady using the hall Parent Council meetings cannot be amended for the remainder of this school year.</li><li>• Football tops – the school are looking into smaller football shirts, awaiting costings from supplier.</li><li>• The kitchen cost of providing the oranges at sports events is high. Should parents wish to arrange then they are welcome to do so.</li><li>• Timetables on the webpages – The Medium and Long-Term Plans for each class are on the website (under class pages). This provides an overview to the learning for each topic. Following a discussion at the staff meeting, it was felt that as sometimes the timetable for the day can change at short notice, and this may cause some upset or confusion for some children if not what was expected. Please discuss with your child's teacher if you have a particular concern regarding your child's learning or additional support required.</li><li>• 'Rosie the Dog Mentor companion' update was provided in the last newsletter.</li><li>• Note added to school website that the uniform sizes are smaller than expected, so parents may wish to purchase a larger size.</li></ul>	
3	<b>What has gone well since the last meeting?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planetarium workshop</li><li>• Genuine care throughout school</li><li>• Staff supporting SEN provision very supportive &amp; proactive</li><li>• Great to have opportunities to meet and information provided</li></ul>	

4	<p><b>Toilets</b></p> <p>Parents commented their children have reported the toilets are smelly and sometimes not clean.</p> <p>Mrs Higgs acknowledged that the toilets were dated but are checked during the day and are cleaned up when required as there is not an onsite school cleaner during the day. A member of staff is on the door during breaktime to ensure that only those who need the toilet are in there.</p> <p>The cost to replace the toilets far exceeds schools limited budgets, so Mrs Higgs will investigate grants for replacing the playground toilets near Bluebells and has asked the PTA to consider raising money to contribute.</p> <p>Suggestions during the meeting for measures that could be taken in the short term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checklist on the door</li> <li>• Toilet etiquette conversations with the children (both at home and in school)</li> <li>• 'Target stickers' in the boys' toilets to help with aim</li> <li>• Introduce toilet monitors – whilst it is encouraged that all children let teachers know if the toilet needs attention, it was recognised that some children may not feel comfortable to do so.</li> </ul>	<p>Mrs Higgs to explore grants for school toilet replacements.</p> <p>Mrs Higgs to consider suggestions</p>
5	<p><b>Wellyboots – Afterschool provision</b></p> <p>A request that further information is communicated to parents about the activities of Wellyboots</p>	<p>Communication to be emailed to parents and carers.</p>
6	<p><b>Communication around trips and events</b></p> <p>A comment was received that communication around a trip had been sent very late. Unfortunately, this was due to an admin error with the system, which meant that the notification was not sent when expected, Mrs Higgs apologised for this.</p> <p>A request was made that the form on Arbor be set up before the email to action is sent, as there can be a delay of a few days and then parents forget to check back. The email to parents is also sent to the class teacher so notified at the same time with the same information.</p>	
7	<p><b>PE in KS1 - inconsistency</b></p> <p>A concern was raised that there is some inconsistency with doing PE in KS1, with children reporting they had not done PE on the PE day.</p> <p>Mrs Higgs to ensure PE lessons are taking place and feedback to teachers the concerns raised.</p>	

	<p>Due to the recent very wet weather, children in KS1 have been doing PE inside following a You Tube video such as Cosmic Yoga or a Joe Wicks 'Activate with Joe' session. The children may not have associated this with the PE lesson as not outside and running around.</p>	<p>Mrs Higgs to raise with KS1 teachers.</p>
8	<p><b>School Uniform</b></p> <p><b>Three School branded items from September 2026</b>  From September 2026, new UK guidelines under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill will require schools to limit mandatory branded items to three, helping to reduce costs.</p> <p>The only branded item will be the school rucksacks and book bags.</p> <p>The jumpers and PE t-shirts can be non-branded, and there is lots of uniform in the pre-loved shop. Please speak to your class rep or Emily Keeley if you require anything from the pre-loved shop.</p> <p>The school policy has been updated and put on the school website in readiness for the change in September 2026.</p> <p><b>Trainers for Daily Mile</b>  Clarification was sought regarding trainers for the 'Daily Mile' as there appeared to be confusion as to if trainers could be worn for the whole day.</p> <p>Mrs Higgs confirmed that trainers should be brought in the children's bag to change into and school shoes worn to school. Please ensure that the trainers are labelled so can be returned if lost. If the trainers get muddy or wet during the walk as sometimes it is carried out on the Meadow, then the children need dry clean shoes to change into for the rest of the school day.</p> <p><b>Trainers for PE</b>  Do trainers have to be plain black or white as hard to buy plain trainers in larger sizes?</p> <p>Mrs Higgs confirmed that trainers should be mostly black or white and NOT fashion trainers but suitable for sports activities.</p>	<p>Communication sent to parents/carers to request trainers are brought in and not worn to school.</p> <p>Website and uniform guidance to be amended to provide clarification.</p>
9	<p><b>KS1 Fruit – where is it available?</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that there is a trolley of fruit that is brought outside into the playground for all KS1 children to have a piece of fruit, this is monitored by an adult. There is normal plenty available, so KS2 children can also have a piece as a snack if they so wish. If children are eating, they are not allowed to run around, but staff do encourage all children to have a snack during morning break. The school did explore allowing the fruit snack in the class before break; however, it was found to be disruptive to the learning time.</p>	

10	<p><b>Packed Lunches and packets coming home</b></p> <p>A recycling box for wrappers will be purchased for the school from the sale of cookies by Eco Council. A concern had been raised that parents would be unable to see what their child has eaten if wrappers are placed in the bin. Wrappers will need to be empty, and food cannot be placed in the box.</p> <p>Crisp and biscuits are normally eaten; it tends to be the sandwiches and fruit which staff need to encourage children to eat.</p>	
11	<p><b>Accelerated Reading</b></p> <p>Request for information on the Accelerated Reading scheme to be communicated to parents, so they can understand how the scheme works.</p>	Information to be sent to parents/carers.
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Painting tops</b></p> <p>A request to remind children to wear their painting overalls when doing art to protect their uniform. Following a short discussion the PTA will investigate purchasing some long sleeve tops to keep at school for children to wear.</p> <p><b>Running at break and lunch time</b></p> <p>A question was raised as to if children can run around at break. Mrs Higgs confirmed that as the whole school is on the playground in morning break, the older children could bump into the younger children if playing chasing games and running at speed, so these games are discouraged. Children can run around (whilst being mindful of their surroundings) at lunchtime when the playing time on the playground is separate between KS1 and KS2. During lunch break children have approximately 30-40 mins outside.</p> <p>The children were asked if they would like morning break to be separate for KS1 and KS2, however the children voted for one break to be together.</p> <p>The staggered lunches are working well as children who have packed lunch and school dinners are able to sit together. It is also much quieter for KS1 children, which helps with their eating. A request was made if the tables could all be wiped down as the older KS2 children are the last to eat. Mrs Higgs to request staff who supervise lunch to monitor and wipe tables down if necessary.</p>	<p>PTA to purchase painting tops for the school.</p> <p>Mrs Higgs to speak to staff about wiping tables during lunches.</p>

**Date of next meeting – Summer Term - Friday 26 June 2026- 8.45am**