Parent Council Annual Report 2021/22

On behalf of the Parent Council, I would like to thank Mrs Hyslop and all the staff at Davenham Primary School for their tremendous efforts during this year, the first full academic year since Covid. As Chair of the Council, I would also like to thank all the Parent Council representatives who have given their time and support over the last 12 months. The success of the Council is dependent on the combined efforts of both staff and parent volunteers. The Council met half termly at school, and the meetings were always well attended by the existing members. A body of representatives continues to exist, and parents/carers are encouraged to contact any representative, irrespective of their class or teacher.  This has worked well over this past year and will continue; however, I am also pleased to report new volunteer interest for the coming academic year, which will hopefully bring a range of views and new ideas.

It has been a hugely welcomed full academic year since Covid brought much disruption to our
Davenham school family. The school has worked hard this year on bringing back all that made Davenham so special before Covid forced many things to stop. Parent Council played a vital role in some very positive implementations this year which have, in turn produced some lovely feedback from parents. This year we all enjoyed the reintroduction of family services which are now held in the Jubilee chapel and ‘come and join us’ which are held in the classrooms. Meet your teacher evenings coupled with being able to physically have a look around the children’s classrooms were also a huge hit with parents. Concerns around the white PE t shirts being a pain to keep clean saw the roll out of the reception navy coloured PE shirt across the whole school, much to parent’s delight. A google classroom ‘how to’? guide and a Numicon workshop were also both biproducts of Parent Council feedback.

For the very first time in two years parents were able to enjoy Christmas productions in school which also included some of the higher year groups due to missing out on these during Covid restrictions. Feedback discussed via the parent council forum enabled school to really understand how parents felt regarding residential trips and from this the children enjoyed various year group residentials and class day trips.

School invested in a ‘pop up’ swimming pool which was constructed on the playground in order to get the children back swimming again after covid had prevented this and created a problem within the local community due to a pool closure. The pop-up pool was met with huge positivity from all involved. This also meant that when a local pool had availability years 3 and 4 were able to benefit from this.

Twitter continues to be utilised to a greater extent to ensure and maintain the connection within the local community in Davenham.

The Parent Council are very much looking forward to the forthcoming academic year, and together we look forward to sharing all that make Davenham such a special place and will encourage the best possible learning environment and opportunities for our children.