

Whittington CE Primary School

Parent Council Newsletter



Welcome to the second parent council newsletter...

The Parent Council have set-up this newsletter to enable two-way communication with parents... We now have parent representatives for each class in the school. If spaces become vacant we will let you all know, so we can fill these and make sure that every class is represented on the council.

What is the School behaviour policy?

The **school behaviour policy** is a document that provides a framework for the creation of a happy, secure and orderly environment in which children can learn and develop as **caring and responsible people**. It is written for all members of the school community to allow each one to understand the policy of the school and to apply it consistently and fairly.



Mr Sibley explained that the **Behaviour Policy** had developed over the years and that the teachers had reviewed it a few days earlier. He went on to explain that as Whittington is a voluntary aided school, it means most governors are appointed by Lichfield Diocese. Also, as we are a Church of England school, all our policies use the word 'Christian'.

The school considers the backgrounds and experiences of children when dealing with good and bad behaviour. A home/school agreement is going to be introduced as an informal contract between school and home.

What is a Learning Mentor?

The school learning mentor (**Jane Grice**) works with the school pupils to help them address barriers (and potential barriers) to learning through supportive one-to-one relationships and sometimes small group work.

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She **help students develop** coping strategies, enhance their motivation, raise their aspirations and encourage them to re-engage in learning. To work effectively, learning mentors have to take into account the range of complex issues that usually lay behind problems with learning and achievement (eg, bereavement, lack of confidence/low self-esteem, low aspirations, mental health issues, relationship difficulties, bullying, peer pressure, family issues/concerns).

During our meeting Jane gave a detailed overview of the role and responsibilities of the Learning Mentor and outlined what we do at Whittington. She explained how the referral system works and the broad spectrum of problems she deals. She also explained about **Dexys**, the [nearly new uniform sales](#), Solution Makers, Year 6 transition and her [gifted and talented groups](#).