

**Date:** Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**In Attendance:** JR, AM, MOH, RL ASi, CT, PC, SL

**Staff:** MF

**Apologies:** S-HB, RL

**Topics:**

- Welcome new members of the Pupil Voice
- Discuss information what pupils have brought forward to pupil voice members
- Any other business
- Dates for pupil voice of the remanding academic year given.

**Notes:**

» Lunch times

- A few times the deserts are different to what's on the menu and some people get upset, they would like it kept to what's written on the menu.
- Both secondary and reach said they would like more time to be able to finish lunch as some pupils don't get to finish in time or they feel rushed.
- Both reach and secondary pupils would like to mix at lunch time and not be separated as there is a stigma about reach and they want to squash this. But feel we as staff are making the gap between them. They also said they have friends in reach and don't get to see them a tall, as the lessons and lunches are not mixed so don't get to see some of their friends. There quote "we are one school and shouldn't be divided we should be united and treat each other equal and the same. And that if students can't cope with this then they are the ones what should be punished not everyone"

» Toilets

- In both reach and secondary toilets the boys hand dryers are taking too long to dry hands are low speed.
- The hand soap dispenser is not working properly in the boys toilet's
- No toilet roll in boys toilets so they feel awkward to ask for some toilet roll as people will know what they are doing in the toilet.

- Both female and male toilets don't get stocked up properly, with the hand soap and toilet roll. And takes too long waiting for them to be restocked.

#### » Agency staff

- Pupils shared that they have struggled with a few of the agency staff with their accent, and language barrier and are having trouble understanding what to do in lessons with this and sometimes are getting frustrated by this.

#### » Bike shed and overhead shelter

- It got told to pupil voice last academic year that secondary would get a bike rack and at the back would have an over head cover, where they can stand under when its raining, while waiting for the doors to open.
- Is there an update as the weather is changing and want shelter and also where there has been crime and vandalism with bikes, they are worried for their bikes to be safe?

#### » RSHE room/English 2 room

- Secondary pupils said could there be a lock or a key to shut this cupboard as students are going in there and there is a range of female products in their stationary pasta and sprays and students are helping themselves and stealing from it and spraying the classroom, some students have asthma and don't like this.
- They would like in English 2 room a lock on the door as students are able to keep coming in their lessons, and sometimes it takes ages for a student to leave and then some students feel disturbs their learning.

#### » Mixed classes

Some students do not like the year 9 and year 10 mix classes.

Some year 9s feel they have to do subjects to which if they were in there year 9 class, they wouldn't have to do Science, Food tech and DOF. Also, when they are in these classes so much more is talked on exams and they feel a bit over whelmed.

#### » Behaviour/Bullying

- Students feel the language and swearing has got bad again and that we as staff are not being hot enough on it, or giving out consequences for their actions.

- Some staff are not dealing with behaviour and that students understand this and are getting away with it.
- Some pupils are worried for others, as when the staff are not hot on it, it escalates and people get hurt or spoken to horribly, or feel they are being bullied.
- Students who get taxi service and wither don't do their work or miss behave or kick through doors, don't seem to get the same punishments as ones who either walk home or get picked up and they feel this is not fair and this happens daily.
- » Equal opportunities
- Reach feels like they don't get the same opportunities as secondary and want the same like being able to have food at break time, as some times they are hungry.
- Joint trips not separating them.

