

**Minutes of KS3 Student Council Meeting held on
Monday 10th May 2021.**

- 1. Break/lunch time**
 - i. Could students have somewhere to be able to listen to music (specifically Post Malone) at break and lunchtimes please? It was suggested having music on the left side where the activities are.
KS3 thought this was a really good idea and hoped there would be somewhere suitable.
 - ii. Could there be more places to go at break and lunchtimes (other than play support) if students are feeling angry or upset please?
KS3 SC agreed this was a good suggestion, as some students just want to go somewhere quiet.
 - iii. Could students have bikes as well as scooters on the playground please?
KS3 SC thought it would be too dangerous to have these both together. They suggested a rota system.
 - iv. Could students have chalkboards on the lower playground please?
KS3 SC did not think this a good idea.
- 2. Charity**
 - i. Could students have a PJ day for charity?
Students already have a PJ day for charity. Mr R Harris to be invited to next SC meetings to discuss future charity events.
- 3. Clubs**
 - i. Students are happy to have the clubs back again, thank you.
 - ii. Is it possible to have Boccia, Gardening, Science, and Gaming (Minecraft) gym/cardio clubs please?
 - iii. At Sports club, could the students try trampolining and cricket please?
- 4. Computers**
 - i. Ipads/laptops for each class please?

- KS3 SC thought this a really good idea, but realised these items are expensive. They were informed that all ICT equipment is kept up-to-date and replaced when necessary and the budget is available.*
- ii.

Could the laptops be checked please so that they are easier to log on, as they are very slow. They come up with other student's names or 'local user' which makes it difficult.

- KS3 SC said it would be useful if a check was made to ensure that all students log off properly.*
- 5.

i.

Curriculum

Could students go to the local swimming pool, for lessons please?

- Students were reminded that all swimming pools were closed due to Covid, but once reopened, swimming lessons would resume.*
- 6.

i.

Equipment

- ii. The new equipment in KS3 is good, thank you.

- iii. Could there be a caged area on the lower playground please? The footballs can hit students on the scooters and also go onto the roof

- iv. Could each classroom have bins for recycling plastic please?

KS3 SC thought this a good idea.

- v. Could students have some more footballs please?

KS3 SC said the shortage is caused by footballs being kicked onto the roof. They thought this would not happen if students did not kick the footballs quite so hard and high.

- vi. Could students have more skipping ropes please?

Is it possible to have wheelchair play equipment please e.g. ramps, swing?

- KS3 SC thought this a really good suggestion as it would allow wheelchairs users to participate more in activities.*
- 7.

i.

Lunches

Could lunch time be longer please?

- KS3 SC were told this is not possible as lunch and break times are organised to fit in with the number and times of the lessons.*
- ii.

When the weather is warmer, could students eat their lunch outside please?

8. *KS3 SC were told this would only be possible for students who have packed lunch, and not all students may want to eat outside.*

i.

Phones

Could students have their phones at break/lunch times please?

9. *KS3 SC were told this would cause too many problems a) inappropriate messages could be sent b) some students may take photographs which includes students who are not allowed to have their photographs taken c) some mobiles may not be handed in d) the time taken to distribute and collect in the phones would be time consuming .*

i.

Playground

- ii. Could a rota be drawn up please so football and basketball can be played on alternate days?

iii. One form had discussed table tennis and the outside table on Russell Square and wondered where the bats were. They were also enquiring what will happen to Russell Square with regard to the new building?

iv. Is it possible for the students to play again in the mornings, rather than lining up straight from the bus?

10. Could there be borders for the football and scooter areas please, as the football is often kicked out of its area and this is dangerous?

i.

Premises

- ii. Is it possible to have new gates for the lower playground please?

11. Could students have an astro turf for playing football please?
KS3 SC thought this was unnecessary and too expensive.

i.

School Trips

One form asked if school trips would start happening again soon please?

They had discussed the Covid restrictions.

KS3 SC were told that as soon as all restrictions had been lifted and it was safe for life to resume as near to normal as possible then school trips would go ahead again. These being curriculum based.

12. i.

Therapy Room

Is it possible to have a therapy room please?

**The date of the next KS3 Student Council Meeting is
Monday 14th June, 2021.**