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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the success of our 'Parent Council' last year, we're excited to announce that we're now recruiting new members for this year to join alongside some of our existing Parent Council members.

Last year, the Parent Council were instrumental in helping us develop a new 'anti-bullying leaflet', new policies and pages on our website, analysis of parent surveys, contributions towards elements of our school development plan, parent workshop suggestions, new homework menus, and much more.

The aim of the council is to support the school with our strategic direction and to help us drive the school forward in search of excellence across all areas. The council will discuss important areas such as new initiatives, school policies and procedures, parental engagement, our role in the community, etc. Council members will help us to form closer relationships with our families and to understand what really matters to their children's learning, development and school life. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to have input into how and what we teach in school, particularly as we're looking at developing an exciting new curriculum across the whole school this year.

The council will meet once every half term for around an hour. Our meetings this year will initially be held online on Microsoft Teams due to the current safety restrictions, but we promise to have tea/coffee and a few biscuits available if/when we're able to hold our meetings in school again. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00pm, but parents needn't worry if they can't attend every meeting and they'll still be welcome to send in their contributions and suggestions for our agenda.

Parents don't need any previous experience to join our council – all we ask is that you share your thoughts and ideas with us. Every suggestion will be appreciated, taken seriously and acted upon where possible. Parent council members will also be representatives for their child's class, and are therefore also asked to share the thoughts, suggestions and ideas from other parents if they bring anything to your attention. During the meetings, we will also discuss and celebrate what's working well in the school as it's important to acknowledge all the wonderful work our children, staff and parents do every day to make Richmond Park such a success. A full set of minutes will be made available after each meeting and shared on our school website for all parents to read if they wish. These minutes will also be shared with the Governing Body of the school.

*Please note: The Parent Council is not a fundraising body and is completely separate from the PTA.*

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council this year, please complete the very brief application form which has been sent to you via text by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the latest (please let us know if you haven't received this). We will send a list of the council members for each class to you via text on Monday. We would like at least one parent from each class to be a representative on the council if possible.

If you have any questions about the Parent Council, please do not hesitate to ask and I'll be more than happy to discuss this further with you. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards

Mr D Cooper  
Deputy Headteacher

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