



Mapledene & Queensbridge Children's Centre

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Day Care Parents Forum Agenda

Date of meeting: 11/02/2022

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am via Google meet

Agenda	Points of discussion
Welcome, introductions	Present: 9 (Apples 4, Palms 4, Maples 1) MCC Staff rep (1) - Pamela PF Chair - Simone (apologies)
MCC Parent/Carer Support Group	Except for Parents Forum (PF) which meets virtually on a termly basis 3 times per year, no such group currently exists. The aim of the support group would be for parents/carers to join forces together to organise donations, fundraising and volunteering events for the centre and to provide support/comms channel for each other as well. Action point: PF to set up a group via Whatsapp and promote to all parents/carers to join in! Pam happy to distribute the joining link via Telegram.
Electronic Invoices	MCC is currently working on introducing e-invoices. It's in the process of being implemented and will be rolled out as soon as available.
Daily feedback	PF agreed that this has improved significantly since last meeting in November, thank you MCC! PF suggested use of online app/tool such as Tapestry to provide feedback, updates, photos, etc. MCC evaluated pros and cons: prefers personal feedback and time spent with children rather than entering/documenting info onto an app. Moreover, not possible due to wifi issues.
'What we did today' poster	Poster at the entry to the room and sent via Telegram daily (despite wifi issues) to Maples and Palms parents/carers (Apples receive individualised information as per child's needs) - PF confirmed this is very helpful and would appreciate this to continue (i.e. being delivered in both formats).



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<p>Donations</p>	<p>MCC can accept donations for rooms but also for community loans (e.g. toy library, clothes swap).</p> <p>Donations (clean clothes, toys, books, outside play equipment, etc.) are welcome and appreciated - please contact Pam before you bring them in to arrange accordingly.</p> <p>No donation goes to waste - either sold off for fundraising at MCC events, swapped or used in the classrooms.</p>
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>To help MCC, especially amid continued budget cuts, PF suggested to organise fundraising events based around the needs of the children.</p> <p>Pam confirmed that MCC as an organisation cannot, but parents can register the Centre as a charity (other CC have done this already).</p> <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MCC to compile a wishlist by the respective rooms and share with PF. - Pam informed that Smartboard very much needed - PF to organise a fundraiser (https://www.collectionpot.com) ? - PF to initiate discussion amongst parents/carers on having the Centre registered as a Charity as it brings many benefits. - Ideas for Summer Fair theme welcome!
<p>Mapledene news</p>	<p>Baby room garden extended (but still not completely finished due to budget cuts - soil, plants, kids climbing equipment needed), cottage now a sensory room.</p> <p>Aim for the Learning garden to serve as a Forest school (a member of staff is qualified to run this).</p> <p>Day trips - Stay and Play 'trial' trip coming up; if successful, aim to roll out to all rooms after Easter, subject to safety assessment and budget.</p> <p>Hopes to have a Big summer trip for Maples - whole day out for children, staff and parents to celebrate their journey at MCC.</p>
<p>A.O.B</p>	<p>MCC repairs impacted by budget cuts; applied for and granted Capital funding which will go towards fixing the lights and fire alarm; next round of funding prioritised for windows which are not working properly.</p> <p>Wifi issues - MCC unable to influence as contracted via Hackney.</p> <p>Though most services are now available face to face, as COVID cases still high in Hackney, MCC keeping restrictions in place for safety of staff and children - thank you for your understanding and cooperation!</p> <p>On average, 10 parents/carers attend PF, though many more children registered at nursery. Action point: In hope of increasing PF attendance, PF rep to set up and distribute survey to inquire about day of the week and time that would suit most the best.</p>