



Mapledene & Queensbridge Children's Centre

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Day care Parents Forum Minutes

Date of meeting: 27/11/2020

Time: 10am - 11am Via Google Meet

AGENDA: Parents Forum

Agenda	Points of discussion
Present:	Apologies from the Chair Graham Scrivener Total 17. Centre Manager Pamela Dushi and Staff representative Michele Clarke
Introduction	Thank you for your time this morning, it was nice to see new faces and hope to see you all again at the next meeting. MC is the parent's forum staff representative. MC is a member of the senior management team at Mapledene.
Parents forum, what's the big idea	Parent's forums are designed for parents to meet, it gives parents a voice and enables them to contribute to Mapledene's decision making. It also helps develop a partnership between parents and the setting.
Parental Involvement	Thank you to Muriel (Flore's mum) for offering her services to run French sessions for Palms and Maples children. Our current French teacher is no longer visiting the centre due to COVID. Thank you also to Michele (Mattia's dad) for offering to play a musical instrument to enhance the children's music and movement session. We will be in touch for times and dates
Baby room Outside Shading	Work has been completed in the baby room garden, the shading has been erected to a large area in the garden. Each pole is padded for safety to prevent accidents. The shading will benefit the children during the spring and summer months. We thank you all for helping us reach this goal.
Parents Committee	Mapledene Parent's Committee is now cluster based; we sit in cluster F alongside Ann Taylor and Morningside Children's Centre. We meet three times a year, the next meeting is due on 12 th February 2021 virtually. If you would like to become a member of Mapledene's Parent's Committee, please let Pamela know.
Sun Babies	An application for funding was made in August 2020, in October we were awarded a grant of over £1.000 to purchase tools and equipment for the learning garden.



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Security	Work has started on installing a new intercom system much like the one at the front reception. The intercom system will act as additional security when dropping off and picking up your children. New security lights have also been installed to the learning garden.
WhatsApp Group	Shirley who has a child in Palms and about to settle her second child into Apples & Seedlings, has agreed to lead the WhatsApp group for Apples in January 2021. To confirm Shirley will lead Apples WhatsApp group, Eleanor will lead Palms and Graham will continue to lead Maples WhatsApp group
Friends of Mapledene Fundraising Group (FMFG)	Special thank you to the parents/carers who kindly donated money on the go Fund me Page
Hackney Tree Musketeers	Hackney Tree Musketeers have kindly donated an apple tree which is growing nicely in the learning garden. With special thanks to Hania and Jake for making this happen
AOB	Mapledene's Parent Forum is an <u>open invitation</u> to ALL our parents. The forum will be via google meet again due to the current situation You are invited to our next forum on Friday 5th February 2021 . The time will be announced on Telegram giving you all plenty of notice.

