

Minutes of Academy Council meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2025

Attendees:

Claire Willis (CW, Principal)
Laura Strutt (LS)
Lauren Day (LS)
Yuhanize Yaylagul (YY)
Faye Gaffer (FG, Minutes)

Academy Council recruitment update

CW and LS welcomed Lauren Day and Yuhanize Yaylagul to the Academy Council as new members.

Car Wash Update

LD thanked CW for the update that had gone out to all parents by email. CW explained that when the container went up in the car park overnight this was the first time that the school had been made aware of the car wash and had approached those in the car park to ask what was happening. Following this conversation CW confirmed that she had put in a complaint to Suffolk County Council who were also not aware of the planned development. Now that formal planning has been put in place with the Council, Murrayfield Primary have made a formal objection on the grounds of safeguarding and health and safety. This is being managed by the Director of Estates for Paradigm Trust. It will be a long process but we will keep going back to the planning office every time an issue is raised.

LD updated that parents in Leappad have put in objections for the car wash through the Council and that a petition has been set up by a parent of the Leappad. They had been told that it was a community car wash for users of the car park and a young persons enterprise.

CW confirmed that an update will be sent to parents as and when further updates are received.

Parent conduct in the Playground



LS raised concerns from some parents around the language used in the playground at pick up time. CW has written to parents in the past and has, in some cases, previously issued a site ban. We will reiterate the expectations of adults in the playground through our usual communication channels and look at the possibility of having a senior leader in the playground at pick up and drop off times together with one outside the front and back of school monitoring the parking during these peak times.

It was requested that in the communications there is a reminder that dogs are not allowed in the playground and also a polite request to keep them away from the gates during these times.

Any other business

Members of the Academy Council asked for it to be noted that the Christmas concerts were very well received by parents/carers and the children were all looking forward to taking part.

CW updated that Leappad children are starting to look at what they would like to do with their outdoor space. They will be researching and putting a proposal together to present to CW. This is similar in the whole school with social times and what equipment they would like i.e. sustainable etc.

CW reported that she was looking at the possibility of having a forest school in the and putting in place training for some staff.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th January 2026 9.15 - 10.15am - virtual