

Parent's Voice meeting

Date of Meeting	21/11/2024	Venue	Online
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NAME	EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER
Jane Geddes	
Kirsty Watt	
Kimberley Swan	
Termina Ahmad	
Abhishek Behl	
Clare Warwick	
Rachela Klimczewska	
Rebecca Vaughan	
Jack Allsopp	

Everyone's Views

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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parents had noticed that the council kept referring to Holiday Hub as a non-statutory service and that they had only listed council run hubs as an issue. The council said that they could not run their statutory services because of the staffing demand from non-statutory holiday scheme. - Parents noted that statutory services were not being met now so taking away the other services would cause a crisis. - Parents from other schools have put together written deputations from the reports which includes 5 out of 10 special schools. - There will be verbal deputations from enhanced support bases at mainstream schools and special schools and one from the working groups. They will have to organise what is being said as they only have 5 minutes each. There should be two deputations from Special Schools – one focussing on the legal arguments and one focussing on the impact on young people and their families. - Some parents added their experience of holiday hub and how essential it was and how transport allocation makes it possible. - Members of the parent's voice were worried that using respite as an argument could do more harm than good as the council sees the purpose of Holiday Scheme to be a social place to play. - 77 people responded to the survey and only 2 responses said that they used it as care so that parents could go to work – socialisation and learning are the main benefits of Holiday Hub.. - Members added that it is not just social opportunities – but access to society. - Some members did not want to deputise due to them getting upset and angry but then were reassured that being upset was not a bad thing and if they wanted to, they should. - It was suggested that Oaklands does its own deputation but worried about the workload on individuals. - Talk about the preventative budget that the Council discussed recently, saying how a lack of holiday scheme could add extra respite expenses and bigger social work costs – therefore undoing any money saved from Holiday Scheme.

- Additional needs need to be kept separate from young people with disabilities due to their vastly different needs and requirements.
- Members suggested having some Holiday Schemes in place and referring to young people's ERG assessments to be invited to disability Holiday Schemes.
- It is seen as respite because families already do not get enough allocation
- When young people receive overnight respite, they do not get to access Holiday Scheme.
- Third party providers can staff their provision, why does the council struggle?
- Make sure to emphasise the rights of the child, right to family life – only socialisation is at school.
- Katherine will speak at deputization and there will be another deputization with representatives from Oaklands.
- Organise deputations with other schools to make sure that time is not wasted presenting the same arguments and information.
- Try to get a clear picture of the knock-on effects and similar data to present.
- For a young person to be accommodated for a year costs a minimum of £450k. How much does a Section 23 cost – mainstream clubs? – one-to-one support? 100 nights at overnight respite is \$145k minimum
- People noticed that the reports ignored the money that parents paid.
- Question the lack of a meaningful impact assessment.
- Parents said that they get made to feel like the Council are doing them a favour, but they pay and their children cannot access any other clubs. Because of this there is a case for discrimination as mainstream young people get a large choice of different clubs that go all holidays and 5 days a week 9-5.

Section 7 – Action Plan

Actions to be taken	Who?	By when?
Join with Braidburn for deputations		
Do deputation paperwork		
Feedback to each other to get the best points across		
Make an email group	Jack	

Minutes completed by	Job Title	Date
Jack Allsopp	Family Link Worker	25/11/2024

Date of Next Meeting	Time	Venue