



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

**Parent Voice Team (PVT) Meeting**  
**Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 6pm**

**Present:**

Mr G Nichols, Headteacher  
Mrs J Sampson, Business Manager  
Mr S Weston, Senior Deputy Head  
Mrs C Kent, Vice Chair of Governor

1. One Site

GN thanked the group of parents for coming tonight to discuss the move to one site. SW and TD are working on the move. We are trying to follow a plan for the move and we are using both sites until the end of term. All lessons will continue to the end of term but we are starting to look at what we can close at the High School to make space for things we want to move from Middle School. Our priority is the Y6 area in the first instance. There is capacity on the High School site for nearly all staff to have their own room.

SW has spent quite a lot of time getting the Y6 area right. We are making some structural changes to the area to create a better space. If you have been into Middle School you will know that things are crammed in and we will have more space at the High School site. We can close some of the High School rooms to begin to move items from Middle School because we do not have Y11 or Y13 now and Y10 go on work experience shortly.

We are looking at logistics of assemblies so we will use the 2 halls and we are looking at how we bring students together and we will use our house system more. House and year group assemblies will take place.

At lunchtimes we are setting up another dining area in the small hall. Y8, 9, 10 and 11 will eat their lunch in the large hall and Y6 and 7 in the Small Hall. Over a period of time students will get used to mixing with other year groups.

We are currently creating areas specifically for Y6 and Y7. The tennis course will be used and the astro. We will have other areas outside for younger students. There are enough lockers for everyone. Tutor groups will be in particular blocks.

GN explained in relation to the change of school site the new Y6 students are ready for a move. From next week onwards students are going to be able to ask questions in tutor time. We will then start to address student questions in assemblies over the next few weeks. We will also put some additional support in at the start of term. Current Y6 and Y7 will spend some time here before the end of term.

We are looking at a possible staggered start to the term. We will probably have Y6, 7, 8, 8 and 12 in on the first day and Y10, 11 and 13 in on the second day.

Some of our SEND students have already been to the High School. Most students come up so often that they are already used to being at the High School. We can show students where they are going when they return to school and they will have a tour and orientation of what arrangements are in place.

As much as possible we will try and keep their tutors the same apart from in Y6 where tutor groups are static.

Some of the policies are different at the 2 sites. For example the rules for mobile telephones and the make-up and hair being tied up are different. The agreement from the PVT is to keep the 2 systems in place.

Suggestion was to possibly have ambassadors to help or look out for Y6 students. We have house captains in place and the Sixth Form students who will all support students. One of the advantages of moving to one site is that being across 2 sites we have to split staff for duties but once we have moved this means we can double up who is on duty. SLT are likely to be on duty every day at lunchtime. The blocks are sign posted and students will have a map.

Parents asked about the space at the High School. GN confirmed that we currently have 935 students on role and the school has capacity for 1200 to 1300 students on this site, so we have plenty of space.

It is very unusual for the staff to have their own classroom in large schools but we are at the point where everyone can have their own room.

We hope to continue to have Head Boy and Head Girl in Y8 once we have moved to the High School.

GN said we are creating a 3 tier system on the one site.

We will control the number of entrances and exits at the beginning and end of the day so that we have staff on duty. Staff are involved in detentions and duties at the end of the day but when we move we can make sure we use staff appropriately for the duties.

We have got some people volunteering to help but we will use a removals company for the main items. We have enough equipment at the High School for everyone to have a desk and IT equipment. We are doing some IT work now. All staff are moving to the High School site in the first instance. We are looking at how the staff from Middle School will work and where they will be.

Parents asked if they could look around the High School site on Thursday and GN confirmed this would happen. Parents asked if we could extend the time of the evening and have 2 sessions so that any parents working could attend at a later time.

GN reported that students are happy with the move to the High School but parents also need to be happy with the move to the High School.

GN invited the PVT members to both Q & A Sessions on Thursday 22 June at either 3.45pm to 5pm or 6pm to 7pm.

2. Date of Next Meeting

- ❖ Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Future Meeting dates

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Mr Nichols thanked all the parents for their tremendous support for our school and thanked everyone for coming along tonight. Please invite other parents to join the group as we want as many parents as possible on our PVT so we maximise our improvements.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm