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Dear Parents,

### Parents' Voice Group

As you will be aware, we've recently re-launched and revitalised the school's Parents' Voice Group (PVG), the aim of which is to provide a termly forum for queries on general school issues and to direct any specific queries that arise to the right person; we also welcome your ideas, suggestions, comments and feedback.

Our recent meeting discussed and looked into the subjects that you brought up (see our contact details below) and I'm pleased to be able to report back on them to you now.

#### School Clock Tower

We were asked why the clock - an iconic part of our village as I'm sure you'll agree - was not currently functioning.

Repairing the clock has turned into a complex issue. The horologist won't access the clock tower as there is always a considerable amount of fly debris in it which he wants removed. To do this a fly zapper needs to be installed in the clock tower which means running an electricity cable up to the tower and adding an automatic fire detection and prevention system. Added to this the platform to access the clock tower doesn't meet current health and safety regulations and needs to be replaced. The local authority contractors, Kier, have given us a quote to remedy this and this came back at £6,500 (including the scaffolding required to put a platform in place). Kier will need to access the tower prior to visits by the horologist. Additionally, listed building consent also needs to be obtained for the new platform and changes to the clock tower.

To try to streamline some of this process, we are currently in discussions with someone who can project manage the alterations to the clock tower. Obviously, we are very keen to see the clock back in full working order as soon as we possibly can; in the meantime, we hope you'll still enjoy its delightful bongs, which I'm glad to say are still functioning as they should.

#### School Lunches

We received a query about the lunches being provided at the school. While I think it's fair to say that most children (and parents) are happy with the quality and value for money of the food on most days,



obviously we can't guarantee that the three choices available will be acceptable to all children on any given lunchtime.

That said, as you may be aware, there has been a certain amount of flux after a long period of stability in the school kitchen, so we're keeping a close eye on the situation and have spoken to kitchen staff and MDSAs. Daily photographs of school meals have been taken during the last few weeks and added to the school website so that parents can see the quality of the meals their children are served. Please follow this link to see the [photos](#). Additionally, I've asked John Simpson, the Chair of Governors, to write to the regional manager of the catering company, Chartwells, to make them aware of issues that have been raised with us.

At Box, we are all about healthy eating and a sensible approach to food all round, so please be assured that the school's governors do our best to make sure that tasty and nutritious food is being served at the school at lunchtime.

If you have a subject that you'd like to be considered for the next PVG meeting agenda, please contact me, Stephen Clark, chair of the PVG ([stephen.clark@box.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.clark@box.wilts.sch.uk)) or email/call or simply come and chat to me or any other member of the governing body. Our contact details can always be found on the school's website - <http://www.box.wilts.sch.uk/index.php/about-our-school/governors>.

You can also post a question or query through the office post-box at the school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With very best wishes

Stephen Clark  
Chair, Parents' Voice Group

