

Parent Communication and the Parent Body (PB)

Introduction

Our school places a very high premium on communication between parents and the school, and it is not intended that the PB should replace that vital ingredient of the childrens' education. Rather the Body exists to enable the wider group of parents to contribute in whatever way it can to the further development of the school.

A. The role of the Parent Body

The focus of the PB will lie in three particular areas:

1. To work towards the on-going development and progress of the school.
2. To raise the profile of the school in the community by fund-raising and other activities.
3. To facilitate communication among parents.

Since its foundation Kairos has benefited greatly from parent-led initiatives. In the recent past, parents have come up with ideas such as the Kairos Beach Clean Up, school performances, the Book Covering Club as well as particular school trips and after school clubs. A key aim of the PB is to facilitate the generation and communication of similar ideas in the future. In this way, the 'ethos' of the parent body will be constructive and positive towards delivering the Mission of Kairos.

From time to time, parents need to raise particular educational, social, or policy concerns with the school. Such concerns will fall outside of the remit of the PB and would best be raised directly with the Classroom teacher, or exceptionally with the Co-Heads if the subject so demands it. The Co-Heads are Cândida Wigan (Content) and Inês de la Mata (People).

B. The makeup of the Parent Body

1. The PB will be made up of 1 or 2 Parent Representatives (PR) from each class.
2. Anyone wishing to stand as a PR should self-nominate via office@kairosmontessori.com.
3. In the event that more than 2 parents from each class self-nominate, the PRs will be chosen by a simple vote between those wishing to stand.
4. In the event that no nominations are received from a particular class, additional nominations from other classes will be considered.
5. The term of each PR will be to the end of the academic year, but there is nothing to stop a current PR from standing for election again in subsequent years.

C. Parent Representative Meetings

1. PRs will be invited to attend a school management meeting 3 times a year. The management team at these meetings will consist of the Co-Heads.
2. PRs will be asked to suggest agenda items for the management meeting at least one week in advance of the meeting. Should the agenda so require, one (or more) of the school governors may be invited to attend the meeting.

D. Confidentiality and Appropriate Communication

1. Inevitably, sensitive issues will be discussed in the school's management meetings. PRs will be asked to maintain appropriate levels of confidentiality in such matters.
2. It will be the normal practice of PRs to pass on to the management meeting all relevant comments that they have received from parents. Parents are asked to consider this in their communication with these representatives.
3. PRs are asked to be appropriately respectful at all times in the manner of their communication.

The Parent Body exists to contribute constructively towards the further development of the school, and always strives to make Kairos better.