Minutes of the Godinton Primary School Equality Group Friday 15th June 2018

- Present : Sarah Stein (SS) Steve King (SK) Charlotte Wright (CW) Jenny Barton (JB)
- Apologies : Katrina Virgo (KV) Tanya Clark (TC)

1. Fund Raising for iPads :

SS advised that the Sports Relief 'Wacky Mile Walk' resulted in £1,300 being raised for school funds which is to be used for the i-Pads Project. This excellent achievement, added to the £50 received from Givaudan, will allow 5 i-pads to be purchased. Reception and Yr 6 already have dedicated i-pads and so the 5 to be purchased will ensure that each year group will now benefit from a dedicated i-pad. Further funding opportunities will be explored to allow more i-pads to be purchased so that, eventually, each class will hold a dedicated i-pad.

The donation promised by Premier Foods has not yet arrived but, when it does, it will allow another i-pad to be purchased.

2. Group Name :

Following discussion it was agreed that forthwith the Group would be known as the 'Equality Group'.

3. Summer Fair :

Discussion was had regarding involvement in the summer fair and it was concluded that the Group should have an awareness raising stall rather than one to raise funds. It was agreed that the aim of the stall is to confirm the Groups existence, explain what it does (including improving equal access within the school environment and for the curriculum, with its main focus being the Accessibility Plan) and advise parents how they can get involved.

It was proposed that a colouring competition is included so that the children can be amused while details of the Group are discussed with the parents. JB suggested that the theme for the competition should be 'Equality'. It was suggested this might be a globe surrounded by different people to denote different aspects of equality. CW agreed to produce a template to be printed in school. Entries will be considered by age group linked to Lower, Middle and Upper School ages and prizes awarded for the best in each group. SK will judge the entries. Each child entering the competition will be given a lollipop. CW agreed to donate prizes for the winners and SK will donate the lollipops.

Following discussion it was agreed that the stall would be manned for the period of the fair. SK confirmed that he would be present and will try and get his daughter to volunteer to help. CW and JB will be unable to be present the whole time but will be able to provide some assistance. JB will seek volunteers from other parents who may be able to cover some of the time. It was felt that parental involvement on the stall will encourage others to stop and chat.

Discussion followed regarding promotion material and it was agreed that a flyer should be produced along with a banner for the front of the stall and a poster aimed at drawing people to the stall. It was agreed the flyer should include details from the school website, details of the monthly coffee mornings, and details about the i-pad Project. It was agreed that the flyer should also include a quote from a parents perspective and a contact name for those wishing to volunteer or seek more information. JB offered to provide the parental quote and SS confirmed that she is happy to be the named contact. CW volunteered to draft a flyer which she will circulate to the Group for consideration / approval. CW further agreed to produce a banner. SK volunteered to produce the poster which it was suggested should include the 'Equality' acronym.

3. Date of Next Meeting :

Monday 10th September 2018 at 9:00am.