

Year 1
Townhall



You Said, We Heard, We Did!

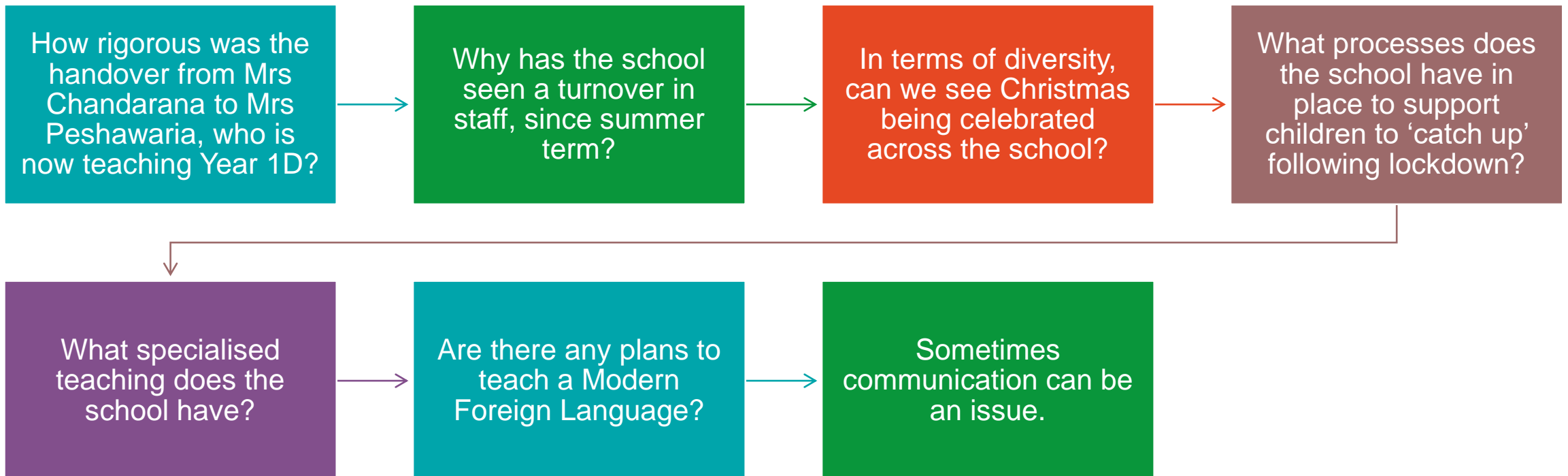
Thank you to the parents from Year 1 classes, who came to our first, in person, Townhall session. This was an opportunity for parents, from Year 1, to share what they like about the school, what is going well but also to ask questions or raise concerns regarding the wider school.

We had an incredibly positive session, where the parents who attended, felt heard and confident to share their thoughts and opinions.

There were many things our parents like about the school, such as the distinct values and ethos, high progress and outcomes across the school, a positive level of support given by staff ensuring that all learners continue to make progress, good levels of challenge is planned for and the overall feeling is that children are happy.

Read on to see what Year 1 parents asked regarding the overall performance of the school.

What did Year 1 Parents Raise?



Q&A cont...

How rigorous was the handover from Mrs Chandarana to Mrs Peshawaria, who is now teaching Year 1D?

Mrs Peshawaria had one week to focus on ensuring a rigorous handover was in place. Firstly, she met with the SENDco and received information around any child with additional needs, she then had a two-day handover focussed on children, their current levels but also what makes them tick. Mrs Peshawaria had time to look through children's books and familiarise herself with our internal assessment tool, before she met the children.

Why has the school seen a turnover in staff, since summer term?

Staff members who left at the end of last academic year, moved to experience working in non faith schools, where they can work with a more diverse community. Mrs Chandarana left primarily for personal reasons.

The rise in teachers is becoming a national concern, but please be reassured that we do what we can to support teachers who decide to leave, many options are provided before a final decision is made.

In terms of diversity, can we see Christmas being celebrated across the school?

KAPSH is a part of the Avanti School Trust and we have a policy in place detailing what level of time each festival requires. For example, Easter and Christmas has a dedicated year group assembly, however class teachers to teach and discuss the relevance of these festivals on a more deeper level rather than a school/class performance.

Q&A cont...

4. What processes does the school have in place to support children to 'catch up' following lockdown?

Following the lockdown, we focussed on understanding what aspects of the taught curriculum was learned, this happened through memory recall questions, recap lessons and through low stakes diagnostic tests, such as multiple-choice questions, quizzes. From analysing the data we were able to see clearly where each child was at in their learning journey, which helped teachers to plan next steps. From summer term analysis, we did not see a dip in progress and outcomes, however support is in place for those groups of children who did not make the relevant progress.

5. What specialised teaching does the school have?

Currently the school has specialist teaching in Yoga, Sanskrit, PRE and Music. It is not common for primary schools to have specialist teaching for NC subjects.

6. Are there any plans to teach a Modern Foreign Language?

Yes, we are currently looking at providing a Spanish curriculum for children in Year 3 to Year 6. We are hoping this will start in the autumn term.

7. Sometimes communication can be an issue?

As a school, we are working on ensuring, you as parents, have enough information to help you to understand the focus of the school, we are working to informing parents, at least two weeks in advance of any educational visit, workshops and of any meetings...

We are now looking forward to our next Town Hall with parents from Nursery and Reception Classes.

Tuesday 15th March 2022
from 08:15am to 09:30am.
Please do join us so that we can continue to hear your thoughts and opinions, in order to help our school be a better place for all!

