

Windy Ridge School

Student Consultation.

The type of person the students would like the new principal to be would be one who is caring, kind, helpful and with a sense of humour. They would like the person to interact with them especially in the classroom and in the playground. In the playground they expect the principal to join in their games and be “playful” and be “funny” and talkative with them.

Some of the personal qualities they seek in a principal are that they can be serious when they need to be and to “keep the school going”. They appreciate the principal being responsible and being a hard worker for them. Being artistic and sporty would be an added advantage!

When asked what they’d like to see the new principal doing each day or week they thought the principal should come into their classrooms interacting with them – and their teachers - as they work and helping where necessary. They do not want a principal who sits in an office all day. Interestingly, they saw the principal’s role as helping other teachers. The students know about “student voice” and the principal will have to have a clear vision on what that might look like. Certainly, they were positive about the principal being out and about in the playground.

When asked about what new ideas they’d like their principal to bring into the school the students provided these ideas:

1. More books and sports equipment.
2. New programmes such as History and Cooking.
3. More clubs (e.g. drawing and art)
4. More electronic equipment
5. A swimming pool complete with a slide. (They didn’t mention it being heated!)
6. Activities for non-sporting students. (See 11)
7. A massive trampoline.
8. Class trips overseas.
9. Annual camps rather than one every two years.
10. More trees planted in the school.
11. Some activities optional rather than compulsory – such as cross country and athletics. (See 6)

So, modest requests then.