

## **Minutes from parents forum meeting**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 9.45 am**

**People present : Mrs Thomas, Mrs Archer, Mrs Iden, Mrs Barkley, Mr Favill,  
Mrs Wilkinson**

### **1 Recap of minutes from last term's meeting**

It was noted that there is now a link from our school newsletter to the parish one indicating times for Mass and parish news. The child centred Mass on a Sunday will start once a month after Lent, bags of appropriate resources for the children will be provided so that children are encouraged to stay in the Mass during the length of the service.

The homework policy is now on the school website with clear expectations set out for year groups in response to parent, staff and pupil feedback.

### **2 Route to resilience – further parental involvement / English Martyrs Day / communication channels**

The programme was updated and explained in detail to all members present. Further suggestions were given in connection with the communication channels and how we use them to promote the vocabulary connected with the programme. It was also suggested that we include a question on the parents questionnaire to explore further which forms of social media are used by parents regularly eg twitter, facebook etc to see how we can engage parents further in the route to resilience programme.

English Martyrs day on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is being planned with an opportunity for family members to join children in the afternoon and participate in challenges using the learning attitudes eg curiosity, not giving up etc , collecting pieces to complete a jigsaw by the end of the afternoon. This was thought to be a good idea as long as parents were informed early to try and book time off work if possible.

### **3 Parents questionnaire / look at one used previously and discuss if there needs to be any further questions added.**

We looked at the parents questionnaire and some suggestions were suggested: year grp and option to have name of parent at the top of the form and question on preferred communication option in connection with item 2. One parent stated that the progress question is difficult to measure for individual children but it was explained that the progress reports should help to support with this information now.

### **4 Parents forum reps for year groups ?**

It was agreed that year group reps need to be established for the parents forum so that parents can approach members if needed. However the meetings would be open to anybody wanting to attend.

Mrs Chambers will try and initiate this before the next meeting to ensure coverage of year groups as ideally there should be 2 members per year grp.

### **5 AOB**

One parent mentioned that some parents have raised the issue of the indoor and outdoor areas of school with regards to general state of repair / cleanliness and tidiness.

Mrs Chambers stated that she is aware of the need to spend more money on the indoor and outdoor environment but budget constraints do not allow for this. She will talk to staff and pupils in connection with the areas, however she mentioned that all staff do work hard to try and ensure the environment is the best it can be.

Voluntary time eg parents and staff gardening days help to improve the school environment and more could be planned during the academic year.