

## **MINUTES from the parents forum meeting via Teams**

**Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 7 pm – 8 pm.**

**Started with introductions from parents.**

**Present – Mrs Chambers, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Valiente, Ms Seddon, Mrs Wilkinson, Ineke Ward, Mrs Cox, Mr Ward(Madeleine), Mrs Payne, Mrs Roberts.**

### **1 General feedback from parents on remote learning and support for families to include any concerns facing parents with the return of children to school.**

Everyone is doing a fantastic job with remote learning and live lessons have worked really well – children have enjoyed the contact with their teachers.

Those with children in school felt privileged and lucky to have their children in school but when they have had to access remote learning due to snow days etc this has been very smooth.

#### **Return to school**

Children can't wait – super excited to see friends, teachers and new classrooms. Children will be skipping back in. Some children feeling nervous about being in bigger groups again.

Things to consider – routines, noise level, exercise.

Restrictions at pick up – parents wearing face masks and social distancing adhered to.

A suggestion was that the children had a big class quiz or something that will reconnect them with school that's not so formal before the return to school.

Parents worried about the location of tuck shop and the congestion it causes as well as lack of social distancing -this will be relocated – possibly on the playground.

It was suggested that if there was the need to raise the money still for school then FEM crowd funding could be set up with digit donations made to FEM.

A suggestion was also made that the staff made a video before the children returned to school so children could be reminded of who staff are.

Homework was discussed and it was decided that there will be no homework set until at least after the Easter half term.

### **2 Catholic life of the school –**

- Do parents understand this term ?
- Are we doing all we can as a school to reach out to all parents strengthening our school community ?

Parents thought that it was a very important part of the children's schooling – prayers and hymns. It was thought that it needed to be made more up to date and inspirational with up to date role models.

It is the ethos and family feeling of the school, it unites us as a family.

Values are upheld by all teaching staff and support staff.

Parents felt the school is very inclusive.

Catholic principles.

Suggested that more work needed to be done around the understanding of this term and further development to ensure all our families are clear on this area.

### **3 Key aspects from our school improvement plan for this academic year.**

This will be addressed at the next meeting.

### **4 AOB and date of the next meeting.**

Rag rate parent communication to ensure that high importance emails are not missed but also to support parents with the number of emails sent via school.

Extension to bike rack -FEM are paying for a new bike rack.

Grateful for well-being packs – families appreciated them.

Next meeting in term 5 same time and day, parents are happy to continue to do this remotely.

**Suggested date Wednesday 12th May at 7 pm via teams.**