

Parents' Forum: 22.09.2021

Attendees:

Alison Chambers (AC) Sara Passey (SP) Lynn Wilkinson (LW) Vanessa Sneddon (VS) Lesley Roberts (LR) Jessica Tyler (JT) Lawrence Ward (LWa) Claire McGrory (CM)

Return to School

AC asked for feedback on how parents felt about the return to school.

VS: Happy, no crowding

LR: It has felt like a real treat to be outside the classroom at pick up

SP: Lovely to see everyone again. Without the staggered pick ups parking seems worse.

AC updated on the status of the sustainable travel plan, trying to encourage more parents to not use their car for school journeys and the aim of having a request for a permanent one way system.

ACTION: AC to look at whether a staggered pick up would be possible, split by key stage.

LW: Discussed the problem of the bin collection happening at the same time as drop off

ACTION: CM to discuss with governors to collaborate the request from across the school community

LWa: Asked if there was an update on the second bike rack

ACTION: AC to follow up with school Office Manager

LWa: Asked if there was shelter for times with heavy rain. This isn't in the plans at the moment but the school make every effort to minimise the amount of time the children and parents are in the rain.

Virtues Project

AC updated parents on the virtues project, including: staff training day, new awards based on the virtues, explanations of the virtues in the school newsletter, guidance at Bishop's day and the impact on the characteristics for our children. The School Council will be choosing where to locate the virtues footsteps around the school. AC highlighted the importance of digital education with the virtues; showing kindness online etc.

No questions from the group.

Parents' Evening

AC asked for thoughts on the preferred format for parents evenings going forward after the switch to video calls during the pandemic.

JT: It is vital for parents to meet their child's teacher.

VS: Can see why working parents find the Teams method easier. An option for that would be good, particularly in winter.

SP: A disadvantage of being online is that there can be confusion when other appointments run late.

LW: Prefers to come in to school, to look at the classroom and books.

ACTION: AC to explore offering one night face to face and one night remote for each parents' evening and how to manage missed / late online appointments

Open Mornings

AC outlined the plan to hold open mornings on the 2nd and 9th October. Pupil leaders will attend along with any parents that can attend front the parents forum.

VS can attend on 9th October

ACTION: Parents to get in touch with AC to volunteer

ACTION: JT to send link from WhatsApp group for Office Manager to to promote open morning leaflet

School Improvement Plan

Outlined by AC. Pupil conferencing explained. It aims to help children feel clearer about taking about where they are with their writing. It is being rolled out to all staff.

New reading framework described.

Subject leadership overview.

New framework for EYFS summarised. Aim of reducing the time spent noting observations.

Any other Business

Forum invited to submit questions and topics for the next forum.

SP: Will Celebration Assembly be open to parents?

AC: After the October half term it is open that parents can return to celebration assembly.

JT: Is there a new ELSA lead?

AC: Yes. Miss Reeson has taken on this role.

LP: Thank you for the opportunity to have the parents' forum. It feels very open-minded and collaborative.

ACTION: AC to send out next meeting date.