



parents forum

Minutes: 10th May 2021

Extra Meeting to Review Effectiveness of Lockdown Learning

Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Vicki Houldcroft	Rachel Lamont
Gemma Halsey	Nici Turnbull	Sarah Thompson
Anna Allen	Julie Easton (Teacher rep)	
Apologies: Lucy Goringe, Jasmine Howe		

Agenda Item:	Response from school:
<p>Past: Uniform Ongoing</p> <p>Birch Class Parents Evening When will it be? Will there be feedback on how they are doing now?</p>	<p>We are actively looking at new providers for school uniform and we will share information when we have it.</p> <p>Birch Class parents evening will be arranged now that Mrs Mullen is back in class for her full working hours. Information will be emailed directly to Birch class parents.</p>
<p>Now: <u>School Dinners</u> There is a lot of unhappiness about school dinners. The comments were all around the lack of quality and the lack of choice. A lot of people would like the option of jacket potatoes. They don't want a cold option or this half way house. People want a variety of options and better quality. Before lockdown there were hot and cold options on the menu. Parents have been giving feedback on how poor the dinners are and they are not changing.</p>	<p>We will be sharing this feedback with Caterlink and asking for a full menu from after half term.</p>

Comments on the look feel and taste of the food is not good. There is no jacket option which means you are limited if they don't like the main.

Parents would like it if we were able to bring the jacket potato option back.

It doesn't look good congealed on the plastic plates and it's not very warm.

There have been complaints about the special menu and there have been no changes to this since we have been back.

It was suggested that we have our own kitchen to prepare food on site.

It seems that we are having to have caterlink for lunches but it also seems that we don't have any effective links with them to effect change to the lunches.

Lockdown restrictions being eased and the impact of those.

What will happen going forward as the national restrictions are being loosened? How or when will school system will change back to the

Drop off and Pick ups - The staggered day and walking along the road. Is there a reason why we can't wait for the children in the playground, even on a staggered finished?

Younger children - Parents would like the wearing PE kit to school to continue. There are far less lost clothes and it helps with the washing.

There is a comment from some parents that the carpark is getting busy at pick up time but this is not the case for all parents. Does this depend on the pick-up time and how early or late you are coming?

FS and Y1 - could we lie up onto the field as it is safer and the children could play more easily while waiting.

End of year events eg. Sports days, plays etc. What will be happening with those.

Are there any plans to have a sports day on another way?

What will be the plans for Y6 and the end of term events for them?

We understand that parents are concerned about changes as we come out of lockdown. There are currently no changes to the guidance for how primary schools should operate at this time. As the guidance changes, we will review what is happening in school and make changes. Be assured, we will keep parents informed at each point of change to the guidance for schools.

Yes. Sports Day will happen on - Friday 9th July in separate bubbles throughout the day. Unfortunately parents will be unable to attend.

Y6 are rehearsing a play which will be watched by children in their bubbles distanced from the performers. It will be videoed and shared with parents that way.

Behaviour

Some parents in Cedar are commenting that they were told about the behaviour problems their children were having at the gate at the end of the day but they would like to know sooner. Could they have a weekly behaviour report? This is also true for learning problems.

Homework

A few parents are finding their children are struggling with the technology to access the homework online while several parents commented that they like the homework being online better.

There is a suggestion of school running a google classroom workshop for children who need it.
Parent Forum felt that this was an issue that needed to be discussed with class teachers by individual parents.

Toilet Rolls

There's sometimes lots in the toilet and sometimes there are none. It doesn't always seem to have spares. In the Y2/3 toilet. Who do they ask if there is none?

Positive Feedback

The children have loved having the chicks in school - thank you for making it happen in spite of Covid restrictions

Future:

The school shared the results of the parent survey with Parent Forum. Comments from parent forum:-
What are the expectations so how do I know if the school are setting high expectations?
Have these responses been affected by the impact of COVID?
Parents felt that 31 responses were not enough to get a full picture.
Parents get a lot less feedback at the gate now than pre-Covid although those parents with online Google classroom homework felt that they were getting more feedback from

Staff do speak to parents when they have concerns. If staff haven't spoken to you then the behaviour is being dealt with in school.
Please note that if children are receiving amber or yellow warnings the school behaviour policy states that parents will not be spoken to.

If individual parents have concerns about homework please could they make contact with their child's class teacher.

We will look into this.

We have taken note of this and will be keeping an eye on the stock of spare toilet rolls for these toilets. We will also remind children in Y2 and Y3 that they should go to the office to ask for toilet rolls if they notice there are none outside the toilet.

Thank you!

Thank you for your comments about these responses. It would be useful to have further feedback on how we could improve in these areas specifically from classes on these statements. This can be shared at the next parent forum meeting.
'The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.'

the teacher and really liked the teacher comments they received.

Parents don't get told anecdotes at the gate like they used to pre covid. Could these be shared via Google classroom?

Perhaps there could be a little feedback given to parents via Google classroom and photographs could be uploaded to share with parents.

Birch Class have still not had a parents evening and this could have impacted their responses.

Parent forum felt that parents need to ask the class teacher if there is something that they want to know and they don't always.

Parents asked what 'Wider personal development' meant and felt that this question was open to misinterpretation.

The parents wondered how school were meant to make children behave.

'The school has high expectations for my child'

'The school lets me know how my child is doing'

'There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school'

'The school supports my child's wider personal development'

Date for next meeting: TBC