



parents forum

Minutes: 10th October 2022

Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Gemma Halsey	Sarah Thompson
Lucy Goringe	Claire Bell	Nici Turnbull
Rachel Lamont	Corinne Calloway	
Apologies: Vicki Houldcroft		

Agenda Item:	Response from school:
<p><u>Welcome and introduction</u> New members were welcomed and introduced. All classes represented.</p>	None required
<p><u>Car Park</u> The feedback is that the slight change to the timings at the end of school has improved the situation in the car park. However there are still issues with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parking in the drop off/pick up zone in the morning and afternoon - people not leaving the car park quickly - people arriving too early for the later pick up time <p>Other than continued communication is there anything else that can be done to improve use of the car park?</p>	Changes that have already been implemented have improved things. The situation in the car park will continue to be monitored with continued communication to parents.
<p><u>Communication</u> Yellow slips/wristbands - Please could the process for issuing them be clarified.</p> <p>Learning/curriculum information - please could the curriculum information be sent out to each class for the term again as it was in the past so that parents know the topics being covered.</p>	<p>The school is in the process of purchasing a medical tracker which is an online resource where accidents are logged and details emailed to parents. This will be rolled out in due course.</p> <p>Knowledge organisers in place to hold curriculum information and use of Google Classroom.</p>

<p><u>Communication (cont)</u> Parent meetings - please could some be online/recorded for those that can't attend (during work hours).</p> <p>Learning platform/class information - please can parents be given clarification on what information they can find and where they can find it.</p> <p>Website - is the school website being updated? Some sections are out of date/missing information.</p>	<p>Meetings need to fit into school/teacher hours so information will also be sent out to those unable to make the fact to face meetings.</p> <p>The continuous recording of assessment is no longer required in the EYFS curriculum, so Tapestry is no longer being used for Reception. Photos will be uploaded on the school newsletter and/or Google classroom.</p> <p>The website has been updated.</p>
<p><u>School Lunches/Snacks</u></p> <p>Packed lunches - some children are not eating their lunch - how can this be checked to ensure they are eating enough at lunchtime?</p> <p>What was the outcome of the tasting of a school lunch? Is there any way parents could come into school for a meal with their children?</p> <p>Is a cold/sandwich school packed lunch an option, especially for those in KS1?</p> <p>Snack guidance - clarity and consistency of application of guidance required - is it possible to get a smaller list of appropriate snacks so parents and teachers are clear on what is acceptable?</p> <p>Water bottles - some children are not drinking much water during the day - is there a 'policy' on access to water bottles or is it class-specific?</p>	<p>These are already monitored and children encouraged to eat something.</p> <p>The school is currently tied into the catering contract but will feedback to them if any issues. Having parents in for lunch is hard to organise due to numbers and logistics.</p> <p>The catering company makes decisions on the menu.</p> <p>This will be clarified with staff so everyone is clearer what is acceptable. Information has been sent out by school to parents.</p> <p>Water bottles are kept in classrooms and there are specific times to have drinks to minimise disruption.</p>

<p><u>New rules/Code of Conduct</u> Please could parents/children have information on the positive side of it, eg what are the marbles earned in class for? Is there no golden time anymore?</p>	<p>Weekly golden time has been replaced by class-based rewards at the end of each half term. This is work in progress as therapeutic thinking is still being adapted to suit the school.</p>
<p><u>Parents Evening</u> Concerns raised over privacy of conversations at parents evening if all classes are in the hall, but it was recognised that this set up may make keeping to time easier.</p>	<p>Positive feedback has been received about the new set up for parents evening. Teachers were spaced out sufficiently to provide privacy.</p>
<p><u>Washable paint</u> Please could the school look at washable paint and coverings for children, especially the younger classes to try to keep it off their uniform.</p>	<p>The paint used is paint designed for schools so should be washable. Children wear aprons and these will be checked to see how well they cover uniform.</p>
<p><u>PE Kit/Uniform</u> Is there a date by which children should have a white top? Eg by the start of next term.</p> <p>Is there a timescale for introducing school black hoodies for PE?</p> <p>Uniform supplier - are we staying with the same uniform supplier as there have been issues in the past with sizing and delivery times? It was looked into previously by the school - what was the outcome?</p>	<p>By the start of the next school year (ie Sept 23).</p> <p>Branded hoodies should be available for the start of the next school year and there will be a choice between branded and plain tops.</p> <p>Currently there are no plans to change supplier.</p>
<p><u>Pantomime</u> Will there be an off site trip to the Pantomime this year? If so, will it be for the whole school?</p>	<p>There won't be an off site trip to the Pantomime this year because it is too expensive. A company is coming into school instead. There may be off site trips in the future.</p>
<p><u>Get Active</u> Are Get Active able to provide holiday clubs at Grazeley? Is it possible to find out if there is demand?</p>	<p>The demand for holiday clubs at Grazeley isn't high enough for Get Active to run a club at school, as they do provide holiday clubs elsewhere.</p>
<p><u>AOB</u> Is there any work that groups of volunteer parents could do to help 'spruce up' the classrooms or other parts of the school?</p>	<p>There will be jobs in and around school that parent volunteers can help with and these will be announced as and when help is needed.</p>

Date for next meeting: Friday 2nd December 2pm