

Minutes of Parent Forum Meeting Thursday 8th July 2021

PRESENT

Rebecca Wilkinson
Ruth Culley
Lee Pimblett
Clare Dwerryhouse
27 Parent Attendees

Parents were thanked for their support of the school throughout the year but especially in recent weeks when it has been necessary to close bubbles at short notice. They were also thanked for their support in helping their children to engage with remote education.

DISCUSSED

PUPILS' ATTAINMENT

Pupil progress overall has been excellent since the start of the year. Any dips that have arisen have largely been as a result of non-engagement with remote learning.

PUPILS' ATTENDANCE

Pupil attendance has increased this year in spite of the pandemic. The percentage of persistent absentees has reduced.

TRANSITION

Transition will take place on Friday (9th July)-children who are self-isolating will meet their teacher on Zoom/Google Classroom and will have the opportunity to meet their class teacher in person next week (Week Beginning 12th July)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER (assuming that Government Guidance does not change)

Bubbles will disappear next year. The children will be allowed to mix. This will give us the opportunity to run more extra-curricular clubs next year.

Should a child test positive, only the child and any siblings will be required to self isolate. Whole class bubbles will not be sent home.

Because we have seen an improvement in behaviour as a result of separate playtimes/lunchtimes, this will continue next year.

LUNCHTIMES

Pupils will have separate Year group lunchtimes but will be able to mix with pupils from classes within their year group other than their own class.

Lunch Group will re-commence-this provision is for pupils who struggle to cope with the noise in the dining room/the playground.

A hot meal option will be available for the children.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will go out on Friday 9th July. On receipt of the report, parents will have the option to contact their child's class teacher to arrange an appointment to discuss their child.

The Summer Term reports continue to be colour coded. From next year, the colours will be replaced by letters:-

WTS-Working Towards Standard

EXP-Expected Standard

GD-Greater Depth

Reports will only be coloured where a child either makes value added progress (Green) or declines (Red)

UNIFORM

Uniform standards have declined this year. From September we will be tightening up on behaviour. Trainers will not be allowed and black shoes must be worn. Parents should contact school if there are financial reasons as to why their child cannot wear black shoes.

On PE day the children can come to school in their PE kit. Track suits must be plain black (black bottoms and plain black top or a black top with the SMMJ logo on).

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

From September there are three Behaviour Expectations:-

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Your Best

Parents were asked to re-inforce these expectations at home so that the children are clear as to what they are.

RSHE

Mrs Dwerryhouse outlined the new RSHE Policy with parents.

PARENT PAY

Mr Pimblett outlined the arrangements for paying for Breakfast and After School Club. Next year places will need to be pre-booked and paid for. This will ensure that, as a school, we have the correct staffing ratio in place for the numbers of children accessing the club.

MOBILE PHONES

From next year, mobile phones will only be allowed into school if parents have written into school to request this (eg because their child will be walking home from school). Phones should be handed into the teacher at the start of the day and be collected from the teacher at the end of the day.

MOVING FORWARD

Timing of Meetings

It was suggested that Parent Forum Meetings continue on Zoom as attendance at these meetings has been higher this year. The consensus of opinion was that Zoom Parent Forum meetings are better. Parents were asked about the most suitable timing for meetings. Some parents prefer mornings, others prefer evening (6pm)

QUESTIONS RAISED

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Will there be another chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher?	On receipt of the child's school report, parents have the option to book a meeting with their child's class teacher.
Are leggings allowed for on PE day?	Yes
Is it okay if teachers could send a child's classwork home for parents to view?	Work completed on Google Classroom will be able to be viewed by the parent
Are Y3 having homework on Google classroom next year (when they are in Year 4)	This is the plan moving forward

Parents were complimentary of the improvement in communication at the school.

<u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>	<u>BY WHOM</u>
Parent Forum Meetings will continue on Zoom and will alternate between 9.30am and 6pm)	SLT