

Parent Forum 11.06.19

Led By Paven Kettory (Consultant Deputy) and Lisa Farrow (AHT)

PK Revisited and shared all the actions from the previous Parent forum

PK agreed that the notes of this meeting to be shared on the website
Parents could add items to the agenda but emphasised that there should not just be a list of problems but good suggestions or ways forward. This will allow the SLT to look into concerns and suggestions prior to the forum

Actions to be addressed from the previous meeting

- **Parents shared concerns around cars at traffic lights and how dangerous it is to cross certain roads**

It was agreed that parents would speak to the council

PK suggested that the children could write a letter if need be to support

Mrs Farrow shared that the school Council will be running a project.

- **Parent felt that there was not enough challenge for the Higher Attaining children particularly in year 4**

Parents were reassured regarding the progress of all HAPs children but this will be looked into by LF and PK further

Mrs Farrow shared the feedback that she had from Mrs Devan the Yr 4 Leader as well as the general changes to ensure that there will be challenge for all the pupils. Mrs Kettory shared a new initiative that was going to be introduced and that 'Learning without Limits'. This will involve children choosing their own challenge.

- **Parent expressed concerns around why there was not a PTA run by the parents. A team of parents would like to run a PTA but be supported by the SLT**

PK welcomed this and agreed to make a time to invite her in to meet herself and CP to discuss ways forward

PK and JS have met parents agreed to have the parent meeting. The AGM will be taking place on the 25th June at 9.30am.

Actions From this meeting

- **Parents felt maybe more training was needed for some of the mid-day assistants as not consistent in dealing with behaviour** – Mrs Kettory shared that this will be explored further.
- Mrs Kettory clarified with the parents that children should bring water bottles in with water only. Not juice etc. even on trips.
- **Parents expressed that they don't know how to support their children sometimes with their homework especially maths as they were taught differently.** Discussed the idea of having more parent workshops to support parents. Mrs Kettory shared that there is a new Calculation Policy and the maths team would be happy to invite parents to go through it with them. This is something that we would definitely like to look into further in Autumn term.

- Curriculum and Homework policy to be reviewed – parents expressed that the ‘peer marking’ is not checked The Senior Leadership Team – will be reviewing the HW policy.
- Communication – multi lingual letters – Discussed into looking into affordable ways to do this. Possibly looking into parent volunteers interpreting for us. Something we can all explore.
- Healthy snacks and packed lunches – letter to go out to parents about providing healthier lunches and a reminder about snacks at break.
- Parents expressed that they wanted a more ‘contextual’ curriculum which is linked to the real world. Mrs Farrow explained that the Curriculum is under review and will feedback further at next parent forum. Perhaps organise a curriculum update meeting for parents.
- Some parents wanted to see their maths teachers as well on parents evening – Mrs Farrow is to explore to see logistically how this could happen for September parents evening.
- Parents expressed concerns around the ‘Dojo’ reward system as some teachers are giving out too many and also some teachers are taking them away. Mrs Kettory expressed that this should not be happening and will be relaunched in September again. Mrs Farrow will send an email to remind staff.
- Parents wanted further clarification around ‘Pen Licenses’ . Mrs Farrow will look into this further as it should be consistent.

Mrs Farrow, Mrs Kettory and Mrs Pike would like to express a ‘big’ thank you to all the parents who come to the parent forum and work with the leadership team to move the school forward.

Parents remember if you are unable you can also still have your say by filling out the ‘Parent Forum Form’ in the Reception area or to speak to a member of the SLT.