



Parent/Carer Staff Forum

Wednesday 13th January 2016

Item	Summary
Parent/Carer Forum	The Parent/Carer Forum will take place on the second Wednesday of each half term. All are welcome to attend.
Uniform	Mrs Gibson informed parents/carers that the on-line survey and letter were ready to be distributed. The survey must be completed ready for Governors to consider in early March. The results from the survey will help shape the uniform policy for the school. Parents/carers raised an issue with the supply of blazers and the possibility of ordering on-line; Mrs Gibson said she would look into this.
Extra-Curricular Offer	Parent/carers informed Mrs Gibson that the “What’s On” section of the website is very useful but still not always fully up to date. Mrs Gibson said she would again remind staff to ensure the information posted was accurate and she would look at the mechanism by which this was collected. It was acknowledged that arrangements can change and so updates will be done via twitter, email and on the website.
Year 11 Revision	<p>Parents/carers were positive about the additional support put on after school for Year 11 revision, however, it was mentioned that the session lengths were variable and that sessions had not always run. Mrs Gibson said she would look into this and ensure all planned session ran for the agreed length of time.</p> <p>Mrs Gibson mentioned that all Year 11 pupils have been spending registration time, when not in assembly or worship, learning a range of different revision techniques. Pupils have all been given a guide on how to revise and parents/carers should encourage their child to try the different techniques. The guide is available to parent/carers via our website.</p>
Lunchtime arrangements and the school day	Discussion took place on the possibility of having a longer lunchtime for pupils and not having a split lunch. This would allow clubs and intervention to run during the school day as well as after school. It would also allow pupils to make better use of their lockers to store bags and equipment. The school will be looking in to this and parents/carers will be appropriately consulted.
Reporting and Assessment	Mrs Gibson mentioned the new system for reporting the progress of their child which will be in place this term. It is called Go 4 Schools. Staff will be trained this half term and the package will be rolled out to parents/carers next half term with the next round of reports. Year 11 parents/carers will receive both types of report and the school will gather feedback on which is preferred.
Praise and Rewards	<p>Parents/carers again raised the topic of praise and rewards. Mrs Gibson reminded parents/carers that the new ‘Go for Schools’ system will help parents/carers see praise more frequently.</p> <p>Mrs Gibson has hopefully addressed the lack of issuing of photographs for the Celebration of Achievement and parents/carers should receive these in due course.</p> <p>Mrs Gibson has hopefully addressed the lack of issuing of photographs for the Headteacher Commendation which seem to have not been issued to parents/carers. The Headteacher Commendations for the autumn term and early spring term should also be issued after half term.</p> <p>The possibility of “Tea with the Headteacher” for pupils who have exceptional achievement or have made exceptional contribution to the school or local community. This will be looked at as part of a whole rewards package for pupils.</p>