



Parent/Carer Forum

Wednesday 15th June 2016

Item	Summary
Parent/Carer Forum	<p>The Parent/Carer Forum will take place on the second Wednesday of each half term. All are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Next meeting: <i>Please note, I have received a number of requests to have the meeting at a later time. We will therefore trial this and see if this enables more parents and carers to attend. The next meeting will be held on</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 14th September <u>5:30pm-6:30pm</u></p> <p>Parents/carers have asked that regular text reminders are sent out in advance of the meetings.</p>
Update on previous items	<p>Primary to Secondary Transition - Year 5 pupils from the “Family of Schools” have been invited into school this half term.</p> <p>Assessment and Reporting - It was then suggested that a notice board could be used at Parents’ Evenings to show the photo of the member of staff along with their name. Mrs Gibson is looking into this.</p> <p>Website and Social Media - Parents/carers thought that a Facebook page would also be of benefit. The school is still in the process of setting this up.</p> <p>Parents’ Evenings - Holding the event upstairs in classrooms will be trialled with other year groups.</p>
Curriculum Matters	<p>Parents and carers praised the revision schedule put in place for the Year 11 pupils. In particular the improved communication, collapsed timetable around the exam period and the additional revision time. There was a concern that pupils were still being given revision by some subjects during the designated revision period. Mrs Gibson said she would discuss this with Subject Leaders and ensure it did not happen next year.</p> <p>Concern was still raised that the school was not able to appoint a Physics teacher. Mrs Gibson explained that this was a national issue and Physics teachers were in very short supply. Mrs Gibson assured parents and carers that the new staff appointed would be fully trained to provide quality teaching of all Science subjects.</p>
Praise and Rewards	<p>Parents and carers again raised concern at the apparent lack of praise and rewards issues to pupils, particularly those who worked quietly and steadily.</p>

	<p>Mrs Gibson said that a member of staff was leading on the development of praise and reward and more robust systems will be in place for the new academic year following consultation with staff and pupils.</p>
<p>Pupil voice and opportunities to volunteer</p>	<p>Parents and carers asked if we could look at more ways to allow pupils to volunteer to support the school, similar to the model most primary schools have. They also asked that there be more opportunities to gather pupil voice –</p> <p>Mrs Gibson informed them that pupil voice was being developed through a formalise calendar to schedule key opportunities to speak to pupils in various year groups; Form Reps for Year Councils will be elected to feed into the School Council. Opportunities for volunteering will also be increased; we already have Buddies, Librarians, Prefects, Sports Leaders and Worship Leaders but there is room for further opportunities.</p>
<p>New day shape</p>	<p>Parents and carers queried the new day shape and asked about the start of the day, in particular Breakfast Club. Mrs Gibson informed the meeting that the school would open at 8am for Breakfast Club and there would be no cost for this. It is also planned for pupils to be able to use the library at this time. School starts at 8:45am with registration at 8:55am. After 9:00am is late to school.</p> <p>Parents and carers felt the new day shape would offer children more opportunities to become involved in the wider school community at lunchtime.</p> <p>Mrs Gibson informed the meeting that the lunch provision was currently being reviewed. Details will be sent to parents and carers in the autumn term.</p>
<p>Accommodating injured pupils</p>	<p>A parent has asked that the school looks into the procedures for dealing with injured pupils. The example shared was a pupil on crutches. Mrs Gibson said she would look into this and amend procedures if required.</p>