



## Parent/Carer Forum

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Item	Summary
Parent/Carer Forum	<p>The Parent/Carer Forum will take place on the second Wednesday of each half term. Regular reminders are sent out in advance of the meetings via <b>Twitter</b> and <b>SchoolCal</b>.</p> <p>All are welcome to attend to share what we are doing well and any areas for development.</p> <p>Please note, there are no meeting records due to no attendance at the meetings held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017</li> <li>• Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017</li> <li>• Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017</li> <li>• Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The next meeting will be held on: Wednesday 7th March 2018 5:30pm-6:30pm</i></b></p>
Update on previous items	<p><b>Website and Social Media</b> – Parents/carers liked the new look of the new website but felt it was more difficult to navigate. It is harder to find the “What’s on” page which parents/carers made good use of.</p> <p><b>ParentPay</b> - feedback on this remains very positive</p> <p><b>New Catering Arrangements</b> - An evening for current parents and carers to sample the new menu has not yet been organised by our catering providers. We will look at this for the summer term</p> <p><b>Curriculum Matters</b> – Targeted intervention is still being implemented in Science after parents/carers raised concerns over historic learning. Our Key Assessment Booklet is still under development</p>
Curriculum Matters	<p>Parents and carers praised the revision schedule put in place for the Year 11 pupils and were able to share their experiences at the meeting. The collapsed timetable was discussed as being a great success. Revision packs were favourably received as was the lunchtime revision sessions. Parents and carers asked if Year 10 could begin their revision programme in preparation for the Year 10 examinations. Mrs Gibson will discuss this with Mr Wyness and ensure a plan is in place for Year 10 to include logins for GCSEPod and the “How to Revise” booklet.</p> <p>Parents/carers have asked for more clarity on the new 1-9 grading and which subjects are changing and when. This will be included in all report letters and can be seen on Go4Schools. Drop-in sessions were put on for parents/carers during each Parents’ Evening but were not well attended; we will continue to make these available.</p> <p>Go4Schools was praised for how it had been developed and how it keeps parents/carers up to date with their child’s progress between reports.</p>

	<p>Parents/carers asked if they could be made aware of what e-safety training their child receives. Mrs Gibson explained that an e-safety page was being developed for the website which will be of use for parents/carers and our pupils. This information can be added to this page.</p>
Lunchtime provision	<p>Parents/carers reported that the children were complaining about having to go outside when it is cold. Mrs Gibson explained that, unless the weather is inclement, pupils are encouraged to wrap up and go outside for fresh air. In the winter months they come to school and go home in the dark and so lunchtime is a good time to get some sunshine. Mrs Gibson raised a concern that many children do not bring coats, hats and gloves to school. Parents/carers felt this was because they did not want to store them in lockers as there was often not the room. Mrs Gibson will look into this with Mr Carswell.</p> <p>Issues with some pupils getting lunch late were raised. It was reported that some pupils did not get their lunch until 1:10pm as they were not brought in until after 1pm; at this time lunchtime catering staff were clearing away. Mrs Gibson will look into this with Mr Carswell and address any issues.</p> <p>Parents/carers asked if lunchtime clubs could be added to the “What’s on” page. Mrs Gibson will remind staff. Mrs Gibson informed parents/carers that the provision for lunchtime clubs was being developed as part of the role of Prefects and Buddies.</p>
Attendance	<p>An issue was raised over communication for a requested absence. Mrs Gibson reiterated that any absence is to be reported to the Attendance Officer and any Leave of Absence should be requested in writing, giving as much detail as possible. Mrs Gibson will follow up the issue and ensure future responses are given in as timely a manner as possible.</p> <p>Parents/carers were reminded that they can view their child’s attendance via Go4Schools and if they have any queries they should contact the Attendance Officer in the first instance.</p> <p>Our Attendance Policy is currently being updated for ratification by Governors and will hopefully make procedures clear.</p>
School Events	<p>Parents/carers gave positive feedback on the Celebration of Achievement but expressed their disappointment that the photos had not been issued to the pupils. Mrs Gibson will look into this.</p>