



Parent/Carer Staff Forum

Wednesday 2nd March 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 Wednesday 20th April 5-6pm</p>
Uniform	<p>Mrs Gibson informed parents/carers that the on-line survey must be completed by Sunday 6th March ready for Governors to consider. The results from the survey will help shape the uniform policy for the school. Samples of the new skirt were shown for comment; all agreed there was a style that their child would wear. Parents/carers present said they had uniform in good condition which could be donated to the school. This will be gratefully accepted.</p>
Extra-Curricular Offer	<p>It was felt that the “What’s On” section of the website has been more accurate of late. Parent/carers queried why there was little music and drama activities on offer. Mrs Gibson stated that this would be rectified in the new academic year with the appointment of a Music teacher.</p> <p>Parents/carers queried the future of the NLA building. It was felt this was an excellent facility and could be widely used by both school and the community. Mrs Gibson said this was unclear at the moment but would try and keep all updated.</p>
Curriculum Matters	<p>Parents/carers asked that Year 8 pupils were fully supported to ensure they make good Option choices. Mrs Gibson reminded them that there would be an Options Parents’ Evening just after the Easter holiday.</p> <p>Concern was raised over the teaching and progress in Science. Mrs Gibson explained that there had been some staffing issues which have hopefully now been resolved for the summer term and beyond.</p>
Primary to Secondary Transition	<p>Parents/carers felt that stronger links need to be forged with all partner primary schools as some did not promote St. Hild’s as the secondary school of choice. Mrs Gibson said she was working closely with the partner primary Headteachers, and the Headteachers from the Church of England primary schools to try and develop stronger links.</p> <p>It was felt that pupils who were fully involved in the transition programme, including the Summer School, found transition easier. Parents/carers were very positive about the transition programme but felt it could be improved if;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pupils were not tested in the manner it had been done in previous years • there was a “Meet the Tutor” evening early in the autumn term so parents/carers could see how their child had settled after the summer holiday • target grades were explained at Parents’ Evenings
Praise and Rewards	<p>Mrs Gibson reminded parents/carers that the new ‘Go for Schools’ system will help parents/carers see praise more frequently.</p> <p>Parents/carers asked if rewards for good attendance could be more explicit and the profile raised. This will be looked at as part of a whole rewards package for pupils.</p>

Assessment and Reporting	Mrs Gibson again mentioned the new 1-9 grading system for reporting the progress of their child. Parents/carers will receive reports on-line using the new Go 4 Schools assessment package. Staff have been trained and the package will be rolled out to parents/carers in the summer term. Feedback will be greatly valued. It is hoped that we will be able to move to “real time reporting” for the new academic year.
Website and Social Media	Parents/carers valued the website but did not make use of Twitter to see our Tweets. They thought that a Facebook page would also be of benefit to share information. Mrs Gibson informed parents/carers she that a new communication system was being developed in the summer term which should greatly enhance information sharing, however, a Facebook account will also be looked at.
Scholars’ buses	Parents/carers asked Mrs Gibson to investigate the fact the scholars’ buses appear to leave school very early.