



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

# Parent Forum Meeting MINUTES

Meeting date | time  
06/05/2021 3.45pm

Meeting called by Deirdre Petersen

Type of meeting Parent Forum

Note taker ST

## Attendees

DP (Principal)

DB/ JH/ PRW (staff)

BD (governor)

TD (parent)/ SM (parent)/ ST (parent)/

EH (parent)

## 1. INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME – DP/ BD

Welcome to all and introductions. BD introduced as new Chair of Governors; explains the importance of parent voice and the role of a governor. PRW explains his role and Moorland Hub. DP explains significance of parent voice and how school improvement will be centered on our co-operative values. DP talks through her journey to Exbourne and thanks parents, staff and children for making her feel so welcome.

### 1.1 TRUST VALUES - DP

DP signposts parents to the DMAT values (attached to agenda) and moves to discuss the focus values this term – DEMOCRACY and EQUALITY this term. Today PRW and DP collected ideas from the pupils on behaviour rewards and sanctions – this will help shape the planning. DP explains how ‘big questions’ in collective worship will be centered around pupil voice – “Children’s voice is helping to plan ahead.”

### 1.2 PLANS FOR PLAYGROUND/ USE OF CHURCH AREA - DP

DP shares plans for the playground space – it is to be resurfaced and have new wooden equipment; work to be undertaken over the Summer holidays. This will maximize the space. Aim to use the churchyard more – DP looking at creative ways to do outdoor learning/ Science and use the space next to the school more.

**ACTION:** Tree stumps/ planks of wood needed as well as help from parents/ community. Key contact: Mr Michael Winter.

DB – shares vision for an outdoor ‘quiet area’, where children can read and have reflective time – outside the EYFS area.

### 1.3 COMMUNICATIONS - DP

Preferred approach is via the admin email or telephone the school – [admin@exbourneprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@exbourneprimary.org.uk). Currently, Steve Mills is parent advocate if anyone feels they do not want to contact us directly.

**ACTION: DP to ensure admin email is clear on the website.**

ST - Comms to parents – some parents do not check emails constantly – text, email and Facebook requested. DP – not a FB user, text reminders are preferred.

Parents want more notice of things upcoming – early comms.

**ACTION: DP to check with admin if text messaging service is still up and running.**

**ACTION: Could a copy of the newsletter go on the gate? On a visual noticeboard?**

Drop off and pick up arrangements – a review will take place as soon as restrictions allow.

### 1.4 Living our Christian distinctiveness/ SPIRITUALITY – DP/BD

DP outlines the vision for the Church school – as a place to grow the place for spirituality; nurturing children to become who they are, their best selves. We value partnership between the school, parents, community and the Church and the part each plays in realising our vision.

Opportunities to develop thinking and reflection. BD explains SIAMS inspection.

PW – we could have an ‘ethos group’ of children to run alongside school council. This group would guide from a child’s perspective and hold teachers to account.

DP - LIVE, LOVE, LEARN - *‘Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds’* – by underpinning our work by co-operative values, we can bring our distinctive school values to life.

### AOB

DP – Sports leaders are being re-introduced.

SM – positive feedback on after school provision and use of the claiming frame.

PW – School sports days being reintroduced and schools to compete virtually. New version of residential explained.

SM – Mrs Head does an amazing job; Mrs Chapman has been so helpful – wants to thank.

TD – Huge thumbs up for Mr Waites too.

Time for the gate opening in the morning needs to be consistent – children waiting is dangerous.

PRW - Changes following further relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions to be explained to parents in a letter.

Parents want stability in learning for Class 2. Parents want a curriculum overview of what is being taught in school from teachers. **DP to action.**

Message to go to Miss Sykes that she is missed.

TD – We have had a great start with DP as new Principal.

Meeting closed at 5pm.