



Parent Forum Meeting MINUTES

Meeting date | time
06.10.2022 3.45 – 4.30pm

Meeting called by Deirdre Petersen
Type of meeting Parent Forum
Note taker Wendy Chapman

Attendees

DP (Principal) Jacqui Dart (SENDco) WC, JH, HW, MH, LW, IB, SB - staff
S Mills, E Peplow,
R M-Dixon
L Lowe, K Vallance, S Bourne (parents)
L Winsbury (clergy), K Mounce
R Hollingsworth (Chair of LSB)

Apologies: LC, ST

INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME - DP

DP starts the meeting with outlining the importance of Parent Forum and the importance of stakeholder voice within school improvement work. Reminder of our Trust co-operative values and our school's core Christian values. The school at present is working with the children on respect and reminding them of the values we hold within school as well as all of our work being underpinned with our Trust co-operative values.

ACTIONS FROM LAST PARENT FORUM

All actioned and agreed.

ACTION – Preferred way of communication to parents. Clear communication on when the office is manned. School uses text, email, Gateway as appropriate. Message sent when office is unmanned eg, when extra staff needed for swimming/ lunch hour MTA.

ACTION – DP to talk to staff about their availability to open up the clubs to all. Staff voice to determine the clubs – often there needs to be a number limit. To discuss with new staff in September. Actioned, all clubs open to all age groups and when not, an alternative is run.

ACTION - R M-D contacting Chris Wood regarding an after-school club based on Lego/ coding.

<p>1.1</p>	<p>SEND VISION FOR 2022-23 - JD</p> <p>JD outlines Trust and school vision for SEND for the coming year.</p> <p>SB confirming children will be more involved in individual plans and being more included within the classroom.</p> <p>DP confirmed universal provision for all children within our school and across our Trust, also confirmed regular training with staff.</p> <p>LP what if a plan isn't working out?</p> <p>JD hold meetings and work on it together with all involved ie. Parent, herself and class teacher and TA's.</p>
<p>1.2</p>	<p>LIVING OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES – Q&A WITH LW</p> <p>DP reminder of our core Christian values – Respect, Thankfulness, Perseverance, Courage, Compassion, Forgiveness. We underpin our work in school on these values and expect staff children and parents/ community to demonstrate the values through our work together. Exbourne C of E Primary offers a spiritual and moral basis for the development of the whole child and a solid foundation for personal and social values based on our core Christian values. We start each half term with a focus value which encourages children and adults to reflect on our beliefs and values.</p> <p>Q&A with Rev Leigh – Living our Christian Values</p> <p>Rev Leigh Would like to do a Messy Church after school club.</p> <p>SB Thinks it is important for families and parents become involved.</p> <p>LP Thinks it's a good idea as it is more of a family activity, would be great if this was open to members of the public as well especially parents with younger children that aren't in the school system yet.</p> <p>Rev Leigh said he is very happy that parents think it is a great idea and will start the go ahead.</p> <p>Volunteers into school - DP reminded parents that they would need to see Mrs Chapman re a volunteer pack and a DBS check is essential.</p> <p>SM Daughter doesn't know the songs/ Hymns that they use to sing in assembly.</p> <p>DP Confirmed that we do sing but not always the traditional hymns that some parents remember. Often more modern versions are chosen to sing and to engage the children.</p> <p>Rev Leigh Suggested a choir would be lovely. DP suggests our new music provider, Nick Bryant, is interested in starting a choir.</p> <p>LP Suggested it would be lovely for parents to come and listen to the children to sing.</p> <p>SM thinks a choir would be a great idea and very keen for it to start. Parents enjoyed the Carols outside Waitrose last year.</p> <p>ACTION: DP to contact Nick Bryant re a school choir.</p>

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORK FOR 22-23 - DP

Academy Improvement Plan outline –

Objectives:

- To embed an ambitious, challenging and progressive curriculum in all areas for all learners
- Ensure an inclusive culture where all children can flourish (including SEND, PPG, vulnerable pupils)
- Secure quality first teaching and learning in all classes for all children in all areas of the curriculum
- Ensure that the Mathematics curriculum is suitably ambitious for all pupils, including for those pupils who have gaps in their knowledge

RM-D Wanted confirmation which children needed to be pushed more regarding Maths.

SM Confirmed that Ofsted wasn't bad, and it is just minor details that needed improving on Maths.

DP confirmed that if Ofsted raised an area for development, the school will work on this.

JD Confirmed that there are no more one to one TAs, all children are supported by all members of staff it doesn't have to be a SEND TA. Confirmed that a child would have a few key adults to help and support the individual.

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PARENT ITEMS FOR AGENDA

School dinner app - SB – no puddings on the app; there is not a full choice and some days are missing. IT glitches explained and confirmed that full menu is on the website.

ACTION – school to send the full menu out to parents via email.

SB – how long do children have to eat, often they feel rushed. DP explains the lunchtime, on a Tuesday we are rushing out to catch bus to swimming but the children have 30 minutes to eat.
LP – can pupils take a snack for after swimming? DP confirms yes, a healthy snack.

SM confirmed that there have been no complaints around school meals coming from St James.

Notice to change of routine - SB – extra PE session threw the children last week. DP explained that this was a one off where an outside provider, Real PE came in to upskill staff and their teaching of PE. SB suggests more notice when events like this are happening.

Discussion around swimming gala – is this happening this year? DP explained that last year we had a swimming 'fun session' that the children loved, including inflatables and ice cream. Parents suggest that they are invited this year.

LP – can swimming and PE be on separate days? DP confirms that this is only for this half term, our PE specialist, Mr Pugh, will be moving to another school after half term. Our children will get the full 12 weeks of swimming.

ACTION – DP to ensure parents are given sufficient notice of one off events that are out of routine for the children.

Pen license - SB, RMD, LP – parents have reservations around the giving of a pen license and then taking it away again if handwriting has slipped. Rationale explained by IB. SB confirms that taking

the license away gives the child a low self esteem. IB confirms he needs to get evidence of where the children are with their writing.

IB suggests if writing deteriorates badly this will be a conversation with the parent. DP confirms this will be looked into (esp. taking away of pen license). SB wants everyone included and nobody singled out.

SB – School trips – with the cuts will school trips still be happening. DP confirms that we are making energy savings across the school but that trips will still be on, we have a long list of enrichment for the children this academic year.

SM – it is a great time to teach our children about saving energy.

RMD – there are donations to schools from SW Water and ‘The People’s Project’

ACTION – DP to look into the funding available from SW Water and ‘The People’s Project’

Date of next meeting: TBC early Spring term (January)

DP thanks everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 5.10pm