



Parent Forum Meeting MINUTES

Meeting date | time
30/06/2022 3.45 – 4.30pm

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

Attendees

DP (Principal)
S Walker, S Mills, S Tallack, K Vallance,
L Chapman, L Lowe, K Sandford,
R Mulkerrins-Dixon (parents)

Apologies: I Winsbury (clergy); Bridget Down (Chair of LSB), S Bourne (parent)

INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME

DP started the meeting with outlining Trust co-operative values and the core Christian values. The school at present is working with the children on forgiveness and reminding them of the values we hold within school as well as all of our work being underpinned with our Trust values – attached to agenda.

ACTIONS FROM LAST PARENT FORUM

All actioned and agreed.

ACTION – Preferred way of communications survey to parents. Clear communication on when the office is manned.

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.

1.1	<p>OFSTED summary</p> <p>Recent inspection 30.3.2022 – report now live - 50184302 (ofsted.gov.uk)</p> <p>DP handed out paper copies of report and shared positive quotes from the report.</p> <p>SM – What are plans for the SEN needs to improve? – DP, yes improvements are being made targeting children with specific needs working closely with Mr Williams SENco lead. Individual targets are more specific as highlighted in the report and all staff are aware and are working around these smart targets.</p>
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	<p>SM – Concern on the numbers of students on roll are low and concerned being a smaller school would the MAT pay less attention to the school? DP - agreed that the numbers have dropped but are beginning to rise again – we are going from 4 in EYFS this year to 7 next academic year. HW - St James at Okehampton opening would have effected the numbers as Exbourne as previously we would have received the overspill from Okehampton Primary school. DP assured Mr Mills that being a smaller school would have no effect on the input and support from the MAT. There are schools with considerably fewer on roll that have the same level of support and collaborative working.</p>
<p>1.2</p>	<p>STAFFING for academic year 2022/23</p> <p>DP – we are excited to welcome 2 new members of teaching staff to the team and recruitment is underway for support staff also.</p> <p>DP – Transition plan outlined. Transition days planned for the new members of staff joining us in September. Meet and greet session on 15th July for parents to meet the staff members. Outgoing teachers to meet incoming to discuss individual pupil needs and progress in learning.</p> <p>ST – Is Mr Bartlett Russian speaking? DP – Yes, he has recently returned from working abroad and is a linguist, this is a huge asset to the school, he brings a wealth of experience. DP reads a ‘pen portrait’ from Mr Bartlett.</p> <p>SM – Transition for teachers how many times will they see the children? DP said she has arranged a half day and another whole day; there have been visits to school already so that children can familiarize with new staff.</p> <p>SM – New staff in September will not know any of the parents and concerned at home time? DP assured parents that existing members of the staff team who have been here longer such as WC, JH, HW and herself would support new teachers and help them familiarize them with the parents. We take safeguarding very seriously and so new staff not knowing the community/ parents will be supported by existing staff.</p>
<p>1.3</p>	<p>LOOKING FORWARD</p> <p>Curriculum enrichment – discussion about Festival of Hope; events coming up.</p> <p>PTFA</p> <p>Volunteers</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th October 2022, 3.45pm</p>	

DP thanks everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 4.30pm