



Parents Forum Minutes
Tuesday 9th February 12pm
Via Zoom

29 parents present from across EY, KS1 and KS2

Welcome from Mrs Pollard (MP), Mrs Scott (ESc) taking minutes

MP started the meeting by thanking all parents for their support during these difficult times and appreciated them taking time to attend the meeting. She asked parents if they had any concerns, comments, suggestions with the remote learning offer.

A reception parent commented that the groups are too big on the live lessons, her child never gets involved and then asked why she can't be in school. MP suggested she writes in the chat during the lesson. The parent said that the lessons aren't long enough. MP explained that lessons can't be too long for children of this age. The parent said small groups for extra support lessons are good.

MP mentioned that after half term we have employed a child counsellor to provide online sessions for children who may be struggling with Covid/ Lockdown, not being at school, bereavement or any other anxieties during these difficult times. Parents commented (who also work in mental health) agreed this was a very good idea and fully support this.

One Year 6 parent asked what support will be put into place for our Year 6 pupils and moving to High School. MP confirmed that as usual we will be liaising with the secondary schools on how the transition meetings for the pupils will look like this year. Also with no formal SAT's tests this year, more emphasis can be on providing emotional support, resilience building and additional catch up sessions for these pupils who have missed significant schooling before moving into Year 7 in September.

Many parents also came on to thank the school and staff for what they have provided during this lockdown. They realise how difficult it is for the staff and thoroughly appreciate it. Thanks was also given regarding the communication and remote learning provision during the recent Year 3 bubble closure, their child simply carried on with remote learning with no problem at all.



Head Teacher: Mrs Michelle Pollard
Deputy Head and Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Jo Jarvis
Assistant Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning: Miss Rebecca Hazell



MP explained the principles behind a new behavior initiative the school are looking to start in September. It is called Zones of Regulation and we will be piloting it during break and lunchtimes after half term. The teachers will be trained during the summer term, parents will be advised with more information before coming into practice in September 2021.

MP asked if there were any questions or whether parents had any experience of this. No comments received.

MP asked parents whether they felt a reintroduction of a newsletter would be a good way of communication the successes in school. We have the Blog and a Facebook page and weekly mail. Comments received were as follows:-

- Newsletter would be good, forget to look at the Blog. It did get too long previously, needs to be short and sent as an attachment to the weekly email.
- Parents like the weekly emails with 'Don't forget...' for the following week
- Parents seemed in favour of introducing a newsletter back as another way of communicating what goes on in school.

MP ended the meeting again with thanks of all the support. She is very much looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school soon, she misses having a school full of children and wishes all families a safe half term.

This was the most parents we have had attend a parent forum to date, perhaps a zoom meeting is the way forward.

The date of next meeting is to be confirmed.