



Parent Forum Agenda

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| Date | 22/11/2024 |
| Time | 14.00 start |
| Venue | ELSA Room |
| Present: HS, THG, AH, LB, LT, AO, JL | |
| Apologies : KS | |

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| • Welcome | IG |
| • Apologies | IG |
| • Approve minutes Approved | All |
| • Governor update Governor meetings moved to week after Parent Forum Louise Caller, re-appointed Chair of Governors & Ian Gisbourne vice chair | IG |
| • Breakfast Club Parking Questions raised about why have stopped parents parking onsite – particularly for Breakfast Club. Some parents raised that feels less safe parking outside than inside. Unfortunately, cannot change the location of the school and CD has duty of care to keep people safe on site. The issues that parents have outside of school were the same in the car park, but in a more confined space. There were multiple instances of pupils running behind cars and not being safe. Also Trust HSE policy and LA policies state that only staff and delivery drivers should be on site. | Y2/4/5 |

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| <p>There is a page on the new website where parents can report any car parking violations outside the school as this is a HSE risk to pupils. Ideally parents would not do U-turns on the zig zags Also school has talked to pupils about road safety. Ask for all is to park and drive around school in a safe manner to reduce risk of any accidents</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Code of Conduct There is a code of conduct for parents on the new website. School have seen an increase in abusive messages into the office and also via e-mail/WhatsApp | IG/CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTFA Support There has not been a high uptake on the PTFA. Volunteers still needed for Winter Wonderland – this can be for a couple of hours and list of which classes will be on which day will be shared. CD also thanked PTFA for all the help, support and fundraising done for the school | Y4 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Pay for Clubs & Breakfast Club Ask was about paying for clubs with Parent Pay. Unfortunately still not an option as no instant way of paying for clubs using vouchers. Ask was around putting a £0 value against the club and they paying later. Unfortunately, this is very admin heavy for the school to then have to chase for payments. School is looking at another payment platform for breakfast club so this may offer other options going forward Ask also about why breakfast club payment increased – this was in August 2023 and was due to increase in cost of living. Prior to the increase, the figure had not been raised in 6 years. Is also still the cheapest breakfast club in the trust (and in Ashby from what school have been able to find out) | Y4 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion in events & transport to school School keeps a record of attendance at all sporting events – each KS2 child is encouraged to represent the school at least one sports event. Some events are for fun and some are more serious – in which case trials are offered and best team is selected. Question asked about whether school could provide transport to events. Not possible due to safeguarding. Best advice is to share on year group whatsapp groups and parents to arrange own car share where possible. | Y6 |

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| Also teachers go to events at weekend and evenings as volunteers | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPAL Feedback from parents was positive. School has put on assemblies about how to play and a video was shared about pupils engaging with the OPAL activities. Is about managed risk and the Play policy is also on the website. Question also asked about wet weather clothes – pupils are responsible for their own, but younger ones are helped and clothes are separated by year group. Pupils can bring items home to be washed, but will need to bring back in when clean Action – SRL to add HSE guidance to website as this shows that pupils should be exposed to some risk | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Review Internal 'mini OFSTED' done by the trust and feedback was very positive | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website New site built over the Summer and launched – was needed as old one not fit for purpose. No photos of staff as have been instances at other schools where these photos have been used inappropriately Question also raised about whether there could be some sort of sharepoint site linked into the site that could be used more securely There is also a Wellbeing section on the site with details of outside agencies Action – SRL to investigate whether could use Weduc more for these sorts of details | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning new starters School ran another of these and was very positively received with 50 – 60 potential new parents attending | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Overview & KS1 Harvest CD asked about feedback - both were both very positively received | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of reading at home Ask come from Mrs Wilder to ask parents to listen to their children and also read to them. Really helps with the schools aim to ensure all children can keep up with the learning | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigating Christmas Cards | CD |

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| Ask is that each pupil (if they are sending Christmas cards) to just send one card to the whole class and give out individual cards to their friends in break time/after school. This stops pupils feeling left out if they do not receive a card | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word of Mouth Getting lots of parents coming around from other schools so CD thanked parents for sharing their positive experiences of the school. | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda items for Parent Forum Please send items in via e-mail to the relevant year group by the Wednesday before the next parent forum | CD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Parent Forum Members Action – if any Acorn/Y3, Y5 or Y6 parents would like to join the forum, please reply to the relevant Weduc message | All |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AOB Thank you to SRL for help with getting hold of uniform for the new school year. Also school have added a new supplier based in Swadlincote as well as current one in Ashby Reminder that SRL works over the summer so can be contacted via Weduc if issue happens again Remember to share positive feedback as well as areas for development | Y1 |
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