

Parents Forum 26.11.21		
Attendees: JM, AP, (school) LC, PTR, DH (parents) Apologies: AF (school) AR, KC (parents)		Action
Welcome and introductions	JM welcomed the Parent Forum back	
Feedback on views about our current methods of communication with parents: - Daily board outside Pre-School - Reception weekly blog on website - New head teacher newsletters - Year group newsletters - TEAMS - New SEN flyer - Texts - Facebook	- AP is a Year 6 teacher working on a project about communication with parents. + parents like seeing what children are doing in the classroom e.g. Facebook page and love the new Reception blog on the website with the photos as well as brief description – they would really like this to be expanded to the other year groups too + parents like the "Come and see" events which are re-starting + parents feel the communication about what is available and happening at the Well Being Hub House is good + parents like the year group newsletters with the focus on what the children are learning and key dates in paper form ➔ parents think the text reminders are good and useful but feel there needs to be a balance as there are lots of them and often many at the same time meaning important messages can get lost and feel they could be more organised and scheduled ➔ some parents feel some communication is reactive and don't like a whole school message about parking on yellow lines, etc. - A discussion took place about potential improvements or changes to communication methods with ideas about other websites or apps	- AP will be continuing work on his project. - JM to feedback comments to SLT.

	that are used at other schools e.g. twitter, Instagram, Class Dojo. Parents recognised that any of this would significantly increase teachers' workload and come with complications around safeguarding and photo permissions. The consensus was that if the school was to go down this route then there should be one medium that is fully committed to rather than several ones used for different things. • Parents felt the changes to informing parents about SEN were positive.	
Views on pupil entrance and exits	• Parents were open to this idea as have trust in the school's COVID safety policy and like the idea of streamlining procedures. • There were some queries about the potential impact of this on traffic congestion on the road. JM shared that this is very much in the discussion stage and that a short trial would probably be utilised before any decisions were made.	
Discussion of the Wellbeing Award report	• Parents were unanimous in sharing their congratulations to the school and wellbeing team and that the award is well deserved.	
AOB	• Some concerns were raised over the size of our school and available space with questions raised over the potential for any physical expansion or funding. JM explained we do not have any more space but explained some of the things we have done over the last couple of years to maximise the space we do have available. Parents were concerned about the reduction in size of the library	

	so JM explained how this only meant the computer area had gone as ICT is now taught using Chrome books and ipads in class and that the amount of and storage space for books has not reduced. JM explained how the Year 2 classroom is used in the morning when the library is empty so there is no disruption to learning. • Parents discussed the change in catering contractors and improvements to school meals but raised some issues with some children not liking the new options. A discussion was had around the phrasing of menu options making them more accessible to children and the potential of photo menus especially as KS2 don't go to the hall or physically see what is on offer. Parents also queried the possibility of a tasting session. JM explained how reception to the new meals has been positive and that children who were initially reluctant are trying more although some are still not keen. JM also explained methods for encouraging children to try them such as putting a spoonful on their plate with their jacket potato and how it is dealt with in school if children don't eat anything. This procedure could potentially be more widely shared with parents so they don't worry their child is going hungry if they don't like the meal. • Parents raised how the dates have disappeared off the menus and it makes it difficult to know what the children are being offered each day.	• JM to invite CS to the next meeting to discuss options around promoting the school dinners and potentially a JPL representative too.
Next meeting: Friday 4 th February 2022 at 1pm via TEAMS		

