

Parents Forum 04.02.22		
Attendees: JM, AF, CS, (school) IA, AB, LC, PR (parents) Apologies: DH, EM (parents)		Action
Welcome and introductions	JM welcomed new parent member and parents introduced themselves	
Reporting on Covid cases in school	- Parents feel it is useful to be told when there is a case in their child's class and can then make a decision on lateral flowing. - One recent text had different, more alarming wording along the lines of "your child has had close personal contact" rather than just there is a case in their class. - JM explained some of the other Covid precautions that are still being taken in school to prevent the spread (adults wearing masks in communal areas, classrooms and toilets being "fogged" when there is a case.	- The school will continue sending these messages. - The original wording will be used.
Discussion about the new school meals	- CS explained how there has been a positive reaction to the new school dinners and 162% increase in uptake. The school's plan had been to promote the meals and provide taster sessions for parents but this has not been possible yet due to the pandemic but will still aim to do it. A daily text is going out to remind the menu options for that day and the menu is on the school website. - Parents shared feedback that they had gathered from other parents: - the children are trying more things and are enjoying the meals 1 parent felt the meals were too adventurous	AF will add a section to the next wellbeing newsletter.

	- 1 parent felt there was too much cake and not enough choice for pudding – CS explained that fruit usually is available too but that as meals have to be transported to KS2 classes, it does prove a restriction on what can be done. - 1 parent queried whether the jacket potato option is offered with a side. It is salad or the day's vegetable. - 1 parent raised an issue with the gluten free choice and how this is often only jacket potato or changes on the day – CS explained that there have been some necessary changes due to supply issues and that the school asks parents to let us know about dietary needs so CS can work with the kitchen. - There were lots of positive comments from parents. - AF explained how even the children in the reluctant eating group are eating more. Parents were impressed that this support is given. - It was suggested that photos of the food or children enjoying them, the statistics and information about the reluctant eaters group could be celebrated and shared wider via the next newsletter.	
Come and See events	• Parents were very pleased these had restarted – they feel it is lovely to be able to see their child's classroom, work and chat briefly to the teacher. • There has been some inconsistency across the school in the times offered for these – some year	• These events will continue. • JM will take the issue to SLT and YGL and a decision will be made to ensure that there is consistency in the times offered

	groups have offered a choice of sessions for parents to sign up to but most have only offered one day. There was also inconsistency in the phrasing of the message requesting Covid precautions e.g. some year groups were asked to take a lateral flow on the day as well as wear a mask but most weren't.	to parents from each year group and the same Covid precaution message.
Community and road safety	• JM shared how a parent (Jon Bond) has created a petition to try to improve road safety measures in Cliftonville. The link to the petition is: https://chng.it/dzYmdBsh. There is to be a photo shoot to promote the issue outside the school at 2pm on Saturday 5th February. • Iftikar shared information about his role with the Safe Neighbourhood scheme and the work he has been doing to lobby council about improvements to road safety. - concerns about children being let out of cars in road while lollipop man on zebra crossing - children are perhaps not "road savvy" - yellow lines are positioned in wrong place on road (should be outside school entrances not houses) - there have been a lot of accidents in local roads recently - there are 3 schools close together and a nursery - concerns that it is "an accident waiting to happen" - working with PCOS - has lobbied Thanet District Council and Kent County Council and has Lesley Game on board	- Parents are welcome to attend the event and get involved in the Safe Neighbourhood group. - The direct contact if parents want to report issues is carpark@thanet.gov.uk (the volume of worries/complaints submitted is important).

	- collecting evidence to present to KCC with a comparison between the weekend vs drop-off/pick-up time	
Funding from Save The Children	• AF shared information about the school's work with Save The Children and how they have provided funding for many of the things the Wellbeing Hub House has been able to do. • AF discussed and shared a flyer that had recently gone home asking opinions about projects that could be offered for families in Margate with children aged 0 to 5. There has been no responses and AF queried if it was to do with the wording. • Parents felt the flyer wasn't clear and used unnecessary language (it was made by STC) and suggested a clearer version could be re-posted.	• AF will share a clear version of the flyer. • Parents are welcome to attend the meeting at the Milmead Children's Centre on Thursday 3rd March from 10.30 – 12.30. Some school staff will be present too.
AOB	• It was queried about whether certain trips or events happen in certain years/for certain topics. JM explained that there can be some changes e.g. due to the pandemic, if funding is available, something special is happening but that there are usually particular things. CS (the wider curriculum lead) confirmed this.	• CS will post an overview she has made about events and trips liked to topics on the school website.
Next meeting: TBD – it may be in person or may still be online depending on the situation		

