

Parents Forum Minutes

28.1.18

Agenda Items	• Terms of reference • Feedback from parents evening. • Parental issues	Action
Register	Attendees- Heather Weitzel, DJ, DM, Lauren Bucceri OD, JC, HB, KG, LC, EHM, SS, EM	
Feedback about parents evening.	• Parents liked that it went on until 9pm as it gave those who worked opportunity to get appts. • Text reminders work well as long as parents update their numbers when they change them. • The app is brilliant though there is still a competition about getting the best appts. • Parents evening is very well organised, though some people do wander around because they are unsure of where to go. • In reception there were a lot of children in the room where the teachers are - it is a bit distracting. Could there be more than one room for these teachers? • Parents enjoy looking at the work with their children (this is not yet available for reception parents.) • Sometimes there is not enough space for all the children's trays. • Bing in the hall was great – can't go wrong and able to browse books while checking when the teacher is free. • New parents evening in term 6 was mentioned – some parents did not know. They were directed to website and newsletters. Some parents may not need this as they may be content with report –is this OK? Some parents were concerned about child care as the parents evening starts during the school day. • It is good that parents get to see all teachers – ie when job shares are involved or basic skills teachers.	

Issues raised by parents	• Lunchtime – some reception parents were concerned that the children are eating the same every day – baked pots, and didn't seem to know what else was on offer. Could the children be reminded about the menu before they go in? Can parents be made aware of what children are eating? • Year 3 parents didn't know about the change in fruit – with children not getting free pieces of fruit in KS2 – possibly to include on the year 3 transition leaflet or the year 3 newsletters. Could payment for this be online instead of daily? • Parents want to know if water bottles are refilled daily if they do not come home. Is there any possibility for school to sell bottles? • Parents are concerned about children watching TV in class. Staff members explained the use of TV but a list to be collected for next meeting about the use of TV in class. • One parent questioned why we are still doing a nativity in school, as we are such a mixed school. • Some parents questioned why the children are given sweets as prizes. They said that they had been given by teachers as prizes, by staff in out of school clubs and by children whose birthday it was. Can children be asked not to have them until they go out to their parents so parents can say when they are eaten? • Issues were raised about parent behaviour outside school especially concerning smoking and litter. Can we have a litter bin outside school? Could we have an after school club where children make posters and banners about this and making our environment cleaner. • The enforcement officers outside school have been amazing and have made a big difference. Can we have staff members out there all the time? • One parent contacted a member of the forum to say that they had been really impressed with the way an issue had been sorted out – the member of staff had taken the issue seriously and handled it appropriately and this parent was confident that the issue would be sorted out. • Georgina thanked the school for sending out the leaflets.	
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Date for next meeting	TBD – in term 3	