



Parent Forum

Minutes 16/11/2020

Thank you for your attendance at our autumn term parent forum. Your feedback and comments are very much appreciated and will be taken on board when making future decisions regarding the agenda items. I really do feel that your input is crucial in providing the best education and care for your children.

Mrs K. Mitchell

Attendance:	Apologies:
Kelly Mitchell (Headteacher)	Melissa
Chris Bratt (Chair of Governors)	Laura
Nikki Lockett (Assistant Head)	
Jayne Hackney (SENCO)	
Julie	
Kelly	
Katie	
Nikki	
Sally	

1) HOPE Project

- JH talked to the parents about the introduction of HOPE project and its potential benefits to children and families.
- One parent commented that it was positive – they liked the solution-focused approach.
- One parent felt it was good for children to know where to get the support
- Mrs Mitchell commented that there could be a potential for parent workshops to help parents identify early signs of mental health issues. Parents agreed that this would be good idea.
- CB felt that it was important to get the message across about the importance of mental health, particularly in the current climate.
- One parent commented that they felt it was important, particularly for older children, to not dismiss it as being nothing as it can spiral.
- Mrs Mitchell explained that external services are diminishing and that the HOPE project is a good way for the school to provide immediate support to children rather than being placed on long waiting lists.
- There was an agreed positive response to the HOPE project and all parents were in full support of its implementation.

2) IPAD PROJECT

- Mrs Lockett explained to parents about the project –
 - Every child would have access to an iPad
 - iPads used for learning in school and home

- iPads bought by parents
- Around £10 a month to pay for two years
- Sign up in year 2 and then opening ceremony in year 3
- **Comments from parents – POSITIVES**
 - One parent commented that they like the idea of the project – they definitely see the positives and benefits
 - Another parent felt it was a great idea - the more than we can do to get the children technically savvy the better.
 - One parent could see the benefits from the school's point of view
- **Comments from parents – WORRIES /CONCERNS**
 - Most parents may have already purchased iPads for their children and so would not want to pay twice.
 - One parent working in education commented that her school have pulled out of this scheme. She explained that she would investigate the reason why.
 - Parents felt that if iPads could only be used for school use, then this would mean they would have to have two devices.
- **Questions from parents for school to consider**
 - What would happen if the iPad broke? Would it be insured through the school?
 - Would an android be a cheaper alternative to the iPad?
 - Would it be better to fundraise to help the school to pay for the iPads?
 - How would we monitor children's activities?
 - How would the APPs be downloaded? Through school or at home? Is the iPad password protected so that apps cannot be downloaded at home?
 - Can you have school and home users on the iPad?
 - Could we do an online survey to get wider parent views?
 - Could we do split payments between school and parents so that parents pay a rental charge but they still belong to the school at the end of the four years?

3) P.E kits (revisited)

- Some parents still worried about the cost – Mrs Mitchell to reassure about this
- Some parents felt it would be better if lessons were consecutive whereas others felt they would be better split – this decision will need to be made according to timetabling.
- One parent questioned if they would be easy to access – Mrs Mitchell reassured that they would be purchased from our current uniform provider (Trutex)
- All parents agreed with content of letter – this will now be sent out to all parents in the spring term.

4) AOB

- Parents, once again, commented about the quality of school photographs. Mrs Mitchell to speak with academy regarding this and also check photographs once taken next time.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st March @ 6pm – 7pm (please confirm your attendance with the school office)