



## Parent Forum

Minutes 02/12/2019

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. Minor

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Kelly Minor (Headteacher)	Melissa Reece
Chris Bratt (Chair of Governors)	Sally Goldstraw
Julie Burrows	Nikki Pickard
Kelly Myatt	
Laura Pritchard	
Katie French	

### 1. Changes to RSE

- KM explained the new policy to parents and the changes for 2020. Parents were accepting of the changes and spoke positively about the new scheme that is being trialled across the school.
- Concerns were raised about dealing with issues relating to split families and direct terminology (LGBT). It was agreed that the emphasis should be on 'Healthy Christian relationships' – the definition of this being relationships between people who love each other. This should include discussions about different types of families and should include marriage as an example (but should not be limited to this). **It was suggested by some that the direct terminology would not be essential, but if questions were raised then this could be explored further (if required). One parent felt, however, that it would be more detrimental to not use the direct terminology, so it was agreed to take this to the next standards meeting and discuss with foundation governors.**
- Concerns were also raised regarding the teaching of the 'lifelong commitment' of marriage. It was explained to parents that although the aim is to teach children that all relationships require commitment and resilience to strengthen them, it would also be essential to explore the possibility of split relationships so not to isolate children who are living in split-parent families.
- It was agreed that children should guide the lessons and staff should use their professional judgement when dealing with sensitive issues.
- It was explained by KM that there would be training in place for staff for how to deal with sensitive issues to ensure a consistent approach across the school.
- Parents were positive about the extra emphasis on mental health and were pleased with what the school are already doing to support this.

### 2. P.E Kit

- Parents were shown a sample of the potential P.E kit. They were very positive about the look of this and felt that it looked very smart.
- KM explained the idea of children wearing their P.E kits for the full school day for two days a week (P.E days) and gave the following reasons: to maximise learning time and eradicate unnecessary changing time; to minimise lost property. Parents were extremely positive about

this idea and felt that the extra cost of the P.E kit would be warranted, as it would mean that parents could buy one less item of the school uniform.

- It was suggested that matching navy joggers and navy shorts should be provided so that the P.E kit was smart and colours were matching.
- A suggestion was put forward regarding a potential uniform provider who may be able to give a cheaper quote. KM explained that she would shop around for the best price and bring this back to the next parent forum.
- It was agreed that the new P.E kit should be phased in gradually with a deadline of September 2020, when all children would be required to wear their full P.E uniform two days a week.
- It was agreed that during the spring parent forum, we would put together a list of 'selling points' to put into the letter for all parents.

### **3. Filming of productions**

- KM asked parents if they would be interested in buying professionally made film of their child's production. There was a split opinion for this.
- Parents decided that there would be nothing to lose from trialling this to see how much uptake there was.
- It was agreed that KM would look into this for the next production, but would not choose this option if it meant that parents could not film for themselves. KM will feedback any further information regarding this at the next forum.

### **4. AOB**

- Parents raised a concern regarding the quality of the academy photographs this year. Sales decreased because the quality was so poor.
- KM agreed to speak to academy regarding this. The outcomes of this will be fed back at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 5pm – 6pm (please confirm your attendance with the school office)