

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes 20th November 2020

Attended: Gillian Pyle (GP) (head of school.) Parents: Naomi Stevens (NS), Sally Willox (SW), Gail Booker-Tyas (GBT) Jo Carter (JC)

Apologies: Susie Cowley

Welcome and thank for volunteering

Purpose of Forum: it is a valuable way to listen to the ideas and concerns of families and seek their views, helping to make sure the needs of children and their families are met and also enables parents to have voice in the future developments of the school.

Google Classroom

Head of school asked for feedback on the use of Google Classroom – generally positive about the use over lockdown in difficult circumstances.

Actions/comments from discussions:

- Look into the due dates that are set and talk with the teachers about the pressure of having this – not necessarily for current use of home learning but if there was another lockdown/bubble lockdown
- Ensure children have the opportunity for ‘chat’ function
- Ensure live teaching so children have daily contact with class teacher and peers
- Ensure parents and children understand that work can be completed at a leisurely pace – to support parents who are having to work from home
- Ensure children and parents understand that learning can be presented to the teacher in variety of ways-worksheet completion, in learning books, through photos, art, typing, video
- Ensure work that can be down loaded to be printed is in ‘word’ format so can be completed on screen and not having to be converted – not PDF
- To keep ‘work set’ on the page – or in a marked folder – so can be accessed at a later date
- Ensure a good variety of learning opportunities – including art/mental health and PE -along with English and maths
- Think about how the learning is presented as it can be over whelming to have so much on a screen
- Daily access to teacher – live lessons seen as a positive way of engaging the children (dislike of Oak Academy)
- Set up the opportunity for break out rooms for children to work together that the class teacher can dip in and out of

School Facebook Page

This has been investigated in the last month and hopefully set up before Christmas. Positive response to this – parents would sign up and also a way to promote the school. Continue to use class FB pages set up as it would not be used for reminders – this will be reviewed.

What would parents like to see on this page?

- Pictures of children in school with captions.
- Videos of the children learning
- Opportunity of ratings
- Opportunity for testimonials
- On website home page for instant access for new prospective parents

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- Prospective Parent tab on website – promotion of the school – include video of H o S – tour and chn talking. *GBT to add this to Woodbury PP*
- Tapestry (Beech Class) – when will parents have access to this? *GP to action asap.*
- Animals – positive thing for the children in these difficult times - look at RSPCA for animals that we could adopt
- Tony Bennet – we could ask for his advice and involvement in developing out outside spaces.

Agenda to be set for each meeting a week in advance. Please send any items that you would like added to the agenda 1 week before the next meeting.

GP to put out a reminder to parents after Christmas about joining group or to send feedback/ask a question through the parent reps or by emailing the school.

Thank you for your time.

Next meeting: January 26th at 9.30am