

Parent Forum minutes 01.10.19

Attending

Mrs Pennington – Headteacher; Mr Seex – Deputy Head; Ms Evans (minutes)

Number of parents in attendance:

1) Terms of Reference

Handed out to parents to read.

2) Homework

Parents shared their views:

- important to have homework but should take into account the levels children get
- some children struggle depending on their ability
- parents are concerned if they are teaching their children correctly
- some parents find it difficult to find the time
- parents should ensure their children do it and that is the role of the parent to support the school.
- can take longer to get 'grids' differentiated for SEND pupils.
- not much online learning;
- children don't want to use a computer/I pad to learn they just want to use it to play games.
- Children in year 6 should do more work and homework online as it prepares them for secondary school.

Action - MSe to see if this would be possible.

Action - MSe to look at parents receiving help to teach the right way.

Action-SP to refer comment re SEND homework to Mrs Painter to investigate

Action: SP to consult all parents regarding homework in order to revisit and update the school policy and ensure it is in line with current research and best practice.

3) School meals

SP explained we will no longer be buying into CityServe after Christmas. We will be using Victoria Park catering. School Council have been to VPA to taste test the meals. Numbers have gone up since the BM and School Council were engaged with improving the school meals offer. Some parents felt that there wasn't a lot of choice every day and that Y1 didn't get the choice of sandwiches.

Action: SP to ensure that feedback from pupils/children is collected in order to refine meals choices for children once new provider is in place.

4) Clubs- Generally parents are happy with the variety of after school clubs we provide, but some parents have suggested some other ideas of what their children would like.

Action- DM to look at introducing a chess, competition/quiz and STEM clubs.

- 5) Community Defibrillator- Parents thought having a community defibrillator was a good idea and to try and get the community involved in raising the funds along with the school. SP said there is funding out there and we need to look into it a bit more.

Action: SP to reach out to community partners to create a working party to look into this.

- 6) SEND -SP reminded parents of the SEN drop-in clinics on a Friday afternoon.

- 7) AOB

Two parents were concerned about the transition from classes at the end of the year especially when new teachers start. Some children find it harder transition as they don't remember their new teacher's names or what they look like as the start of the Autumn term is a long time from when they met them in the summer. (It was clarified that SEND pupils and younger pupils do have additional transition that is tailored to them.)

Action – Teachers to write a letter to their new classes – letter to contain a photo of the teacher and some information about them.

There was a request for an early pick up charge from our paid after school club like similar to that of breakfast club.

Action: while costs are deliberately kept down as much as possible SP will review the pricing structure and see if this would be financially viable.

Some parents have requested that every other parent forum could be held on an afternoon.

Action: To change the time for next parent forum on 23/01/2020 to the afternoon and to hold them alternate mornings and afternoons henceforth.

Mrs Pennington thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Meeting Closed: 10.00am