



PARENT AND CARER FORUM MINUTES

15.5.19

Present:

Mrs M Nash (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Corner

Ms Atieno

Mrs Keutenius

Ms Ludlow

Mrs Meurice

Mr and Mrs Smyrnova

Terms of Reference

- Agreed

Update on actions from previous meeting:

Communication between school and home

- Parent Mail has been launched. 52% of parents / carers have downloaded the app to date. Reminders are due to go in newsletters. If you have any queries about how to do this please contact the school office.
- Services will be phased in beginning with text messages and leading on to emails, newsletters, school lunch payments, school trip payments and parent / carers' evening appointments.
- Staff are currently receiving training.
- Parents and carers at today's meeting reminded us how the development of the app for class communication (including homework) will be very helpful.

- Mrs Nash requested items for today's agenda through a short Survey Monkey questionnaire. Only one response was received but this can be tried again in the future.

Homework

- The Senior Leadership Team have monitored homework in all classes and this will continue on a regular cycle.
- The Homework Policy and school website have been updated accordingly.
- All classes have been reminded that homework should be given on a weekly basis. The homework will consist of reading, spelling and maths and will reflect the current class learning. Optional creative activities (grid homework) will be provided in Key Stage 2 classes).

- My Maths will now begin in Year 1. Staff and parents / carers recognise its value.

Curriculum update

- This was discussed further today.
- Those present would like to see more drama, including opportunities for quieter pupils to perform and build confidence (Mrs Nash to action).
- It was felt that a good diversity is offered through clubs with something for everyone.
- Suggestion of a reading club and a comic drawing club, perhaps led by School Librarians (Mrs Nash to action).

Headstart and Mind resources

- The school PSHE leaders (Miss Ashman and Mrs B Nash) have researched Headstart and Mind resources. Whilst it is not felt that the school needs to adopt the entire programme of either, resources will be used to support current practice.
- The school have enrolled on a new NHS Mental Health Scheme for schools called Fantastic Fred (Food, Rest, Exercise, Devices). Each class from year 1 upwards will be taking part in a special workshop during term 6. A short introductory video is available on their website.

Defibrillator

- Mrs Nash has investigated the cost and this is something that may be considered as part of a community project in the future. The school is not currently in a position to be able to provide funds for this.

Is bullying / antisocial behaviour and early intervention considered an issue?

- It was felt there can be an element of controlling behaviour, such as pupils not allowing peers to play with other friends. This will be fed back to PSHE leaders and teachers for class input. (Mrs Nash to action).

AOB

- Concern over use of 'Friv 4 Schools' in school as some games can be unsuitable. Mrs Nash fed back that this was discussed as a staff on 13.5.19. Pupil use will be very closely monitored, with pupils also being encouraged to make responsible choices within this context.
- Following a question about care for pupils with allergies, Mrs Nash confirmed that school staff have up to date First Aid and Epipen training. Individual Health Care Plans are in place for all pupils with medical conditions.
- Where individual concerns or complaints were raised they will be followed up with the Senior Leadership Team, as agreed under the Terms of Reference at the beginning of the meeting. (Mrs Nash to action)
- Date of next meeting: 16.10.19

