

Parent Forum – 1.3.18

Attendees: Kathryn Kennedy (Acting Deputy Head)
Helen Till (Governor)
Clare Cotton (Learning Mentor)
Niki C (Parent)
Lisa B (Parent)
Gemma C (Parent)
Helen A (Parent)
Lucy M (Parent)
Rachel S (Parent)
Felicity D (Parent)
Adele B (Parent)

Minutes of last meeting

There is a facility to include two email addresses on the school database. Parents are able to request an access code from the school office.

Adele B confirmed that School Spider is the programme used to make parents evening bookings.

Behaviour Policy

KK reported that we are currently evaluating behaviour systems in school to be more focused on rewarding positive behaviour. A draft Behaviour policy has been completed which will involve rewarding pupils with bronze, silver and gold certificates, badges and medals for following school rules and Code of Conduct.

The policy was discussed at staff meeting and will also be taken to school council and governors. The intention is to then introduce this next half term. Parents will be informed of the details once the system has been agreed.

KK shared the lily pad record that the children will use to record good behaviour choices. Parents asked what happens if a child is absent from school as this will affect their chances of achieving all of the awards. It was felt attendance shouldn't be linked to behaviour as children have no control over attendance. It was suggested that the frog could be brought forward a few spaces to make it achievable and once the frog has been reached, raffle tickets can be given out to individuals.

In Reception, if children make the wrong choice the behaviour is addressed at that moment and a consequence given at that time. Parents feel that behaviour choices need to be addressed across year groups immediately and it needs to be consistent.

KK explained that consequences of children making wrong behaviour choices would include:

Tilt – miss 5 mins of play

Yellow – miss 10 mins of play

Red – miss 15 mins of play

KK said that currently class points are not consistent across the school. Pots of the same size and frogs will be issued to classes to encourage team work to earn frogs. Individual praise will also be given and raffle tickets.

Parents discussed the possibility of having celebration assemblies for children achieving awards for positive behaviour. It was felt this may be difficult for some parents with work commitments.

Choices of academy time is currently being looked at and linked to national curriculum objectives. There is a need to the academy choice to be a fun activity that children want to go to.

Mrs Coombes talked about behaviour on the playground during unstructured times. KK confirmed that teachers are on the at break and dinner ladies at lunch. KK said that school are currently looking at appointing additional TAs to provide interventions and support structured play.

Mrs Blamey talked about 'bands' activities that her school offer. Activities are offered to pupils in 20 minute slots – 20 mins playing outside, 20 mins on an activity and 20 mins eating lunch. The activity sessions are supervised sessions and include ICT time and indoor games.

UPDATE: Following the parent forum meeting, KK met with Governors and SLT to outline the discussion and a slight amendment is to be made to the policy. The children will continue to colour their lily pad every day that they remain on green. The rewards will be in multiples of 20. If they are absent from school an adult will colour their lily pad in orange to show that they were absent. This will mean that they can still work towards their 20 and that there are no bonus lily pads. These will not be required due to absences being coloured in orange. Visually children are still moving through unless they get a red, yellow or tilt. It was felt this will ensure that the system remains clear and will ensure consistency.

Helen Till enjoyed a Governor walk around on 16th Feb and spoke positively of what she observed during the visit.

KK requested member of the forum to send parent profiles to Jill Cushing.

KK thanked parents and governors for their time.