

Parent Forum – 23.11.21

Attendees:

Viki Holland
Lucy Morris
Felicity Dodd
Lisa Blundell
Rachel Simkins
Gemma Coombes

Apologies:

Lynne Chesters
Niki Clegg
Adele Blamey
Charlene

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome back to members, old and new!

Covid Update

Parents frustrated with COVID in general. Happy that school have relaxed rules on staggered starts, masks and Randle Meadow gate opening.

Path congested arriving/leaving the infant playground. Discussed opening gates to front of Hedgehogs. Closed for safeguarding reasons. Will consider opening gate next to play mound to reduce congestion.

Missed residential trip to Menai for children currently in Year 3 and 4. Insurance companies will not refund trips. Parents will be informed in letters that deposits for future trips will be non-refundable.

Children and parents pleased with local trips to Boat Museum and library.

Swimming - £40. Parents pay this amount for swimming lessons outside of school. In comparison to other schools, Woodlands cost to parents is almost double.

School guidance for Covid is different to public information. Parents appreciate Government information that is regularly circulated by school.

SRE Policy

Statutory lessons to discuss Relationship and Sex Education. Information on the school website on what is covered in each year group.

Standalone makes it a 'big thing'. Makes it uncomfortable for some children. Parents may appreciate additional knowledge/books/leaflets to support their children. Parents would appreciate notice of when children will be having lessons to prepare/introduce names of body parts.

Communication (Charlene)

Miscommunication about PE kits. Mixed messages – some parents heard from Teacher, others from Twitter and parental what's app groups.

If messages are meant for all parents, use one platform. Newsletter is preferred way to share information with parents.

Sending messages out on ParentPay/texts can be costly.

ParentPay – Only one parent receives emails. Look into both parents accessing emails.

Emails – Year specific – Could the title of the email indicate which year group the message is intended for.

Parents Evening to remain online. Parents miss looking at children's books at drop ins. Look into morning in hall for parents to look at children's work in books.

School Clubs (before and after school) for Juniors. Doesn't appear to be as many offered for KS2 as for KS1. A lot of the clubs are sport focussed. Would like art/baking/creative activities to be offered.

Christmas activities. EYFS Nativity in school hall, one class per session. Children Y2-Y6 singing on playground towards end of school day. Astbury Lodge visit for Reception – Year 6 children.

Year 3 parents disappointed that Teachers told children to tell their parents to pay for lunch money.

Path from Randle Meadow into school, Paths are mossy and slippy. Trees overhanging/weeds and need trimming back.

Traffic/Parking remains an issue. Vehicles stopping/parking on zig zag lines are challenged by staff members but continue to park unsafely.

Disco – When dropping off/collecting children, parents need reminded to follow parking rules as per school day.

Date of next meeting – TBC (SL to advise)