

Parent Forum – Meeting Minutes **Monday 27th November, 9am**

Attendees:

Fiona Adams (FKA)
Sheila Slattery (SS)
Claire Elford (Governor) (CE)
Robyn Mesbah (Governor)

And Parents

Aim:

To meet with parents to discuss any issues and look at new ways of working together for the benefit of the school community as a whole. This forms part of the Ofsted focus area, to develop parental engagement and community input. These forums will be termly and findings will be communicated to parents via the school website.

Focus Areas highlighted by parents as per survey distributed to parents prior to the forum and conversations had at the Forum:

Homework

Common Illnesses

Communications

School Workshops

Transition into Year R - Communication

Homework

Sometimes parents felt that they weren't sure when whole school homework was for the whole school or just their year group. They asked for more information on "project homeworks" (e.g. some new FS parents were unsure how to put together the Christmas Mobile) – we will ensure this is clearer in the future.

Common Illnesses

A parent mentioned that as a new parent to the school, they weren't necessarily sure of the signs to look out for with common illnesses and suggested a workshop with the school nurse for Year R parents and any others who were interested. The school team thought that this was a brilliant idea and will liaise with the School Nursing Team in the new year.

Communications

A parent had mentioned communications on the survey prior to the Forum and suggested that there were too many communications. Unfortunately this parent did not attend the forum so we were unable to clarify this concern. Those parents who were assembled at the Forum did not concur and felt that they were pleased to be reminded of events, with the school making it clear in these communications to whom it is directed.

School Workshops

One of the parents wanted to thank the team for the recent workshops which have been put on by the teaching staff. She felt that these had been really informative. The staff were really grateful to receive this feedback as it is a lot of work to put on these events. We will be running more in the new year across the phases and greatly appreciate parental engagement in these events.

Transition into Year R - Communication

One parent wanted to explore ways of easing the transition from nursery to Year R for those children not coming from HEN. We are looking at ideas to help with this as we want to ensure that parents feel at ease in those early days of school.

Meeting ended at 9.40am