



PARENT FORUM MINUTES – 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2019

	<p>Present Mr T Gately &amp; Miss H Shay                  Reception                  Year 1 Mrs Kelly                  Year 2 Mrs Bratt &amp; Ms Kemp                  Year 3 Mrs Woodgate &amp; Mrs Ruocco                  Year 4 Mrs Rezvani - apologies                  Year 5 Mrs Bassett / Mrs Morris - apologies                  Year 6 Mrs Dalton</p>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Feedback from previous meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Questionnaire/Survey</b>                  Mr Gately informed the meeting there was an increased response to the recent Survey which was distributed via ParentMail, 127 parents responded which was very positive and an excellent response. 100% of the responses stated that their child felt safe and is well looked after at school which is of paramount importance to the school. Areas where responses were not completely positive concerned homework. Of the 14 responses which did not agree that an appropriate amount of homework was set; 7 thought there was too much and the same number felt that there was not enough. The Homework packs that are distributed cover a wide range of activities, with one piece of homework per week. If parents wish their child to have additional work they are welcome to cover spellings, times tables and extra reading. 92.9% of parents felt they received valuable information from the school about their child’s progress however some parents did not feel that they knew if their child was making good progress. Therefore at the recent Parent Consultation evenings parents were given a slip containing targets for the next term and a table showing if their child is working at/below/ or above Age Related Expectations.</p> <p><b>School Performances.</b> Ticketing performances worked well and helped with controlling the number of parents attending such events from a Health and Safety point of view. Although it was reported that some parents had swapped tickets with each other, the school distributed 120 tickets for each performance, so the numbers attending were still within the suggested limit.</p> <p><b>On-line Safety.</b> Mr Gately and Miss Shay discussed the latest disturbing viral ‘Momo challenge’. It has been reported that children using You Tube to access games such as Peppa Pig and Fortnite may have been subjected to this. Parents are reminded to be aware of what their children are accessing on-line and regularly check that passwords have not been altered by their child. It is important to have regular discussions with children about the games they are playing and social media sites that are being accessed and viewed. One of the objects behind Momo is ‘secrecy’ so it is important that parents do have open discussions. Members of the Forum asked that parents be informed if an issue becomes apparent in</p>	

	<p>school. Mr Gately confirmed that this is already being addressed and will continue to notify specific classes if issues arise.</p>	
<p><b>School Uniform</b></p>	<p>Mr Gately informed the meeting that the current uniform supplier, School Trends had been taken over by another company. There have been issues with recent orders over the colour and quality of garments as well as an unacceptable wait for school badges, which then arrived in the wrong colour.</p> <p>Mrs Ayres and Mrs Crisci have researched and met with different suppliers and have now secured an agreement with another provider. Members of the Forum asked if the white polo shirt could be discontinued and one choice (royal blue) be offered. Mr Gately is happy for this change to be implemented.</p>	
<p><b>Reporting on Academic Progress</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>oOo</b></p> <p>This was covered and discussed above in relation to the Parent Consultation item and age related targets.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	<p>One member of the Forum had been asked by a parent if the KS2 Parent Evening time slots could be extended to 15 minutes. Mr Gately informed the meeting that teachers would be happy to schedule another appointment if a parent felt that a ten minute slot is not enough time but that he must consider a work/life balance for his staff and extending appointments by another five minutes would add over an hour to consultation evenings as a whole.</p> <p>A member of the Forum asked if the length of the track for the Relay Race on Sports Day could be extended for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Mr Gately will speak to the Grounds Maintenance company regarding the track being made circular rather than straight in the summer.</p> <p><b>Parking.</b> Parking remains an issue around the school with a few parents and grandparents continuing to park in the Close. A member of the Forum asked if children could again patrol outside putting stickers on the windscreens of offenders. Mr Gately informed the meeting that this was not possible as a complaint had been received previously. He will, however, send another ParentMail out and ask parents to relay the information to grandparents and child minders.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>TG</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TG</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The next meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 2.00 p.m.</b></p>	