

PARENT/CARER FORUM MINUTES - FRIDAY 26th April 2019 at 9.00 am

Attendees: 6 Parents

Mrs. Fairweather – Interim Headteacher - MF

Mrs. Worrall – Minute Taker

Mrs. Fairweather thanked parents for the agenda items and handed them out to all present.

Topics of Discussion

Budget Situation

MF – Mentioned the budget situation for the school is very serious. Since 2015, budget allocation to our school has been reduced by £350,000. Families need to see that this will reflect in changes within the school. We are trying to protect teaching and learning. We need to look at how we restructure things. Our nursery numbers are low but we still have to staff it for ratio purposes. We need to demonstrate we have spent £6000 towards our SEN children before we can even get it. We have to fund the children with high needs, budget share affected by that. Support staff have been given an increment but the budget has not been increased to reflect this.

Parking

MF – We are working closely with St Phillips to manage the parking situation in Harrow Close. Having looked at schools in Kingston Borough, there are no parking facilities available to parents. Our first priority is to keep our children safe. St Phillips have 18 transport vehicles that arrive and leave from/to St Phillips every day and sometimes children with medical needs are in the vehicles for more than half an hour.

Parent Feedback:

- Parents attending the meeting are in agreement that this needs to change.
- Mr Kirsch will look into the crossing lights on Leatherhead Road.

Astro Turf in playground

MF – We have recently laid Astro Turf within/around the school grounds. We are doing a lot of tours for potential families to join us in the coming years. We need to make sure the surroundings are looking good and welcoming. Parents Association very kindly have offered us money towards buying furniture for the school playground.

Inspiration Day

MF – Mentioned that engagement of families was brilliant. We had a good range of people. Our children were very inspired by all the talks. Lesley Davies is coming back to do an assembly. We will be starting the daily mile for children. We need to engage and inspire our children and help them think about their choices and the value of why they attend school.

Parent Survey

MF – We have had very few responses. We had 130 responses during OFSTED week and during parent consultation we had 70. Please use the Parent Survey as a means to help us think about what we are doing well and what we can improve on.

Parent Feedback:

- Parents have found this very tricky.
- Can usernames and passwords be reset?
- Is there an option for it to be in other languages?

MF – Will speak to our SBM to look into it.

Morning Intervention - update

MF – Morning Interventions are definitely having a huge impact on standards at the school. We have 87 children currently attending the morning interventions.

Helping Hands

MF - Mentioned we have introduced a new initiative to give parents an opportunity to engage in school activities. This helps our Teaching Assistant's to spend more time with children's learning. The library is open on a Monday morning for parents to help out. On a Friday parents can collect work from the school office to take home and bring back to school on the following Monday.

Help for the Library

MF – We have a growing number of lovely books that need to be put up in the library. They need to be plastic covered; we are happy for parent to take them home to cover. We have a librarian coming in on a Wednesday afternoon at the moment. This is a huge project and we need parent helpers to get this up and running.

MF will mention in the Newsletter that we are looking for helpers. NM to setup a signup sheet. Hopefully we will be able to launch it in September.

Explorers

MF – We are looking to increase the provision for Afterschool Explorers Club. More details to follow shortly.

100% Attendance

MF – We would like all our classes from reception to Year 6 to participate in this. We want to raise the standards and the profile of our school as a whole.

Signs at the front and back of school

MF – This has been budgeted for next term.

MF thanked everyone for attending.

Next Parent Forum TBC.

Meeting ended at 10 am