



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

PARENT FORUM – Mtg 3, 10.6.21 @ 1.30pm

AGENDA

1. Actions from Mtg 2
2. How do parents feel about bubbles mixing again next academic year? (play times, lunchtimes, extra-curricular activities, any other opportunities)
3. How do parents feel about children going out on visits again next academic year, and about performing in theatres again with audiences?
4. Ideas for extra-curricular activities for 2021-22
5. Relationships & Behaviour Policy and Graduated Response
6. AOB

Present:

LR, ER, CF, AC, JD

Apologies:

RD, ML, AP

MINUTES

1. Actions for Parent Forum Mtg 2

- At least 2 safe places created in school building
- Morning arrangements reviewed but with only one term of school year left, this would cause a lot of disruption for working parents, and parents with other commitments as it would involve changing class start and finish times.
- PE hoody with zip now available (in addition to current hoody as this is slightly cheaper).
- PE t-shirt will be navy blue from next year so stubborn stains can not be seen.
- Both individual and class photos have been taken by Tempest (change of photographer as requested by last Parent Forum)
- Currently looking into training videos about Arbor for parents. Consent forms were sent out via Arbor yesterday. This may support parents in becoming more familiar with this management information system.

2. How do parents feel about bubbles mixing again next academic year? (play times, lunchtimes, extra-curricular activities, any other opportunities)

- Parents trust school and confident school will make safe decisions for the children
- Younger pupils might miss out on playing with older pupils at playtime if zoning continues
- Parents haven't raised younger and older pupils not mixing at playtime/ lunchtime as an issue.
- Consider a phased return to clubs, and may prioritise the most popular clubs
- Continue to operate within school covid risk assessment for clubs
- Parents are doing things at weekend so likely to embrace children going on visits again
- School to check venue's covid protective measures and if satisfied, visit to take place (inc Theatre Royal). Venues location to be considered.
- Outdoors residential could take place, parents may be more reluctant about children going to London and France (even if this is permitted)
- Good for children to have visits to look forward, it is what they will remember.

3. Ideas for extra-curricular activities for 2021-22

- Anything sporty e.g. football
- Prioritise outdoor clubs
- Choir
- Consider numbers of children in clubs
- Mix of sport and academic clubs
- Creative clubs to be offered e.g. art, baking
- Consider covid protective measure

4. Relationships & Behaviour Policy and Graduated Response

- Policy summarised
- Parents though policy was well structured, liked the small steps in the graduated response and thought it fitted into a modern world
- School to raise profile of the policy e.g. highlighting in newsletter

5. AOB

- Could school consider a summer hat e.g. cap? SLT to look into with uniform companies.
- Feedback on homework. Staff to be reminded to provide feedback on homework.
- Could there be a school water bottle? – In the past there has been an issue between children not being able to identify their water bottle quickly and if name had rubbed off.
- Reading diaries not signed by teachers when they hear children read individually and spelling scores no longer recorded – this is due to Covid Risk Assessment as there was a need to limit shared contact between items. Will be re-introduced as risk assessment allows.
- Query over cost of new PE T-shirt. The cost of the PE T-Shirt varies between suppliers. Rocket are providing it at a cost of £14, the current white/blue one from Rocket is £14.95.
- Can boys have a summer uniform e.g. polo shirt? Boys do not have an alternative to shirt and tie because this would be an additional uniform items for parents/ carers to purchase. In good weather, children are allowed to take off their tie and jumper. Teachers are reminded about this on a regular basis.
- Due to the Government announcement on the evening of Monday 14th June, the Trust have risk assessed all events. Unfortunately, we are no longer permitted to have spectators at Sports Day. This will be in the newsletter on Friday 18th June.
- Fishy Friday: School will liaise with Mellors about the possible return of Fishy Friday for packed lunches.
- Parent Reps praised the hard work of school and staff during the pandemic, saying the communication has been excellent and the remote education has been second to none and the next best thing to being in the classroom. School had adapted well and been 'fluid' in their approach moving from face to face to online learning. It was felt that the staff had put their 'heart and soul' into everything they had done for both the children and parents. Parents couldn't thank the staff enough. Personal phone call were appreciated.

6. Parent Reps were thanked for their contributions to this year's Parent Forum and invited to re-join next year if a replacement was not found. The value of the Parents Forum was explained as the feedback supports continually development.