



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

PARENT FORUM – Mtg 1 (17.11.22)

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Purpose of Parent Forum
3. Parent Forum Impact Statement from 2021 - 22
4. Feedback on Parent Insight Sessions
5. Feedback on engagement with APPs
6. Online Safety/Acceptable Social Media Use
7. AOB

Present:

LR, YHC, EP, HF (EYP), RB (3H), KB (1T), JC (1T), LM (6M), CK (EYR), EH (6A)

Apologies:

KE (4H) KH (50)

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions (handouts —Agenda and Parent Forum Impact Statement 2021-22)
2. Purpose of Parent Forum shared – parental contribution towards ongoing school improvement for the benefit of children's education.
3. Parent Forum Impact Statement 2021-22 discussed. Key areas of impact include:
 - Operational decisions made in light of parent views about Covid.
 - Reading for pleasure promoted as per parent suggestions
 - Home School Diary updated in light of parent comments.
 - Parents comments about what they want from school for their child have fed into review of school aims.
 - Annual parent survey shared and unpicked
 - School uniform revisited following parental feedback e.g. logos removed to reduce cost
 - Parent comments about visits and residentials fed into this year's plan
4. Feedback on Parent Insight Sessions
 - Rational for sessions shared
 - This half term Reading. Next half term Maths.
 - Feedback was positive – parents enjoyed sessions and found them useful.
 - Future considerations:
 - Consider holding in classroom (space issue)
 - Reintroduction of BLT -parents come in weekly for first 20 mins of the day (no longer possible due to RWI and worship)
 - Film the session for parents who can't attend (continue to hold workshops for information giving)
 - Some parents may prefer to watch from the back, rather than work with their child

- Some parents would like a longer session
5. Feedback on Engagement in APPs – Numbots, Spelling Shed, Bug Club, TTRockstars.
- Cost is significant so school need to be selective about which APPs to purchase and engagement needs to be high to achieve value for money.
 - APPs allow option for more homework, if parent wishes for their child to go above and beyond minimum expectation
 - To increase engagements parents made the following suggestions:
 - Increased promotion amongst parents and children
 - Feature in Meet the Teacher with follow up reminders at Parent Insight sessions
 - Clarity regarding expectation of usage e.g. 5 mins a day, 3 games a day
 - Increased TT battles
6. Online Safety / Acceptable Social Media Use
- Social Media related issues that have taken place at home often brought into school. Education around this in PSHE And Computing lessons. Key messages promoted during Anti-Bullying and Safer Internet Day. Time consuming for school to manage.
 - Question from school to parents; What more can school do to reduce number of incidents and also promote safe internet use?
 - Invite PCSO into school to speak to children about the matter (uniform shows seriousness of issue)
 - Continue to educate the parents/ carers about the issues e.g. workshops
 - Teach parents how set up parental controls on devices
 - Continue to update parents about online safety matters, stating when the update has come from the St Helens LSCB
 - During Safer Internet Day continue to engage parents

7. AOB

Mentoring Conversations – Some EYFS parents would like the option for the sessions to be face to face

School Response:

- Content of conversation is the same whether face to face or online
- Online conversations allow parents to join from work/ other commitments and reduces time they take out of parents' days
- Avoids parents waiting outside for appointment
- Several year groups held on same day and limited places to hold as hall in use all day Tue-Thur each week, and Studio used for worship, lessons and training
- Other opportunities for parents to come into school
- Pupil Profile sent out before the meeting

Communication to wear own clothes and Children in Need accessories not timely

- Not compulsory for children to wear Children in Need accessories
- School aims to notify parents of events minimum of 2 weeks before

Stamping of Home School Diaries inconsistent in one class.

- Policy about stamping to be revisited with staff to ensure consistency