



*St. Ann's Church of England Primary School*

**PARENT FORUM – Mtg 2 (6.2.24)**

**AGENDA**

1. Sports Selection & Teams
2. Parent Survey
3. AOB

**Present:**

LR (HT), GD (1M), AC (2H)

**Apologies:**

MC (EYP), LFT (1T), JHC (3E), FC (3H), SC (4C), EW (4H), KH (6M)

**MINUTES**

**1. Sports Selection & Teams**

Policy rationale shared – team selection made transparent to parents/carers and wider audience

Contents of policy shared and explained

Parent Reps suggested greater explanation of selection criteria so parents do not view as negative and understand school makes decisions in best interests of each child.

**2. Parent Survey**

Parent survey results shared – very positive overall

Questions answered less positively discussed:

- *Q9. My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Ann's.*  
Parents felt this may be about the time club places are released to parents. Parents said there isn't time of day that would suit everyone. Parents suggested school not permitting a child to do a club for two consecutive half terms to increase children who can access clubs.

- *Q10. The school supports my child's wider personal development.*  
It was felt parents may not know what is meant by 'wider personal development' and this may need explaining so parents can answer more accurately (21 parents answered 'don't know').

- *Q11. My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.*

Parents felt this question should be a two-part question and re-worded to:

- (i) If your child has been bullied did the school respond?
- (ii) If your child is being bullied, is the school progressing your concern quickly and effectively?

Parents also questioned whether bullying was the right word, or if it should say 'incident.'

**3. AOB**

**Parents asked why St Ann's does not dress up for World Book Day (WBD).**

It was explained that the purpose of WBD is to promote a love of reading, and from our experience, dressing up has never achieved this. Instead we plan activities that create book talk and excite children about books, authors and characters. Many children see

WBD as an opportunity to wear football kits and this does not have the desired impact on reading. Dressing up usually requires parents to spend money on a costume, and if parents have that amount of money to spend, especially given the current climate, school would rather the money was spent on something more beneficial e.g. visit/ visitor to school. At St Ann's the infants have the opportunity to dress up on Aspirations day which has been very successful over the years, and children tend to have occupation costumes at home already.

Parents valued this term's Parent Forum being a small group and suggested it would be beneficial to organise it in a similar way in future.