



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

PARENT FORUM – Mtg 1 (9.10.24)

AGENDA

1. Purpose of Parent Forum
2. Accessibility Plan
3. Reflections on new intake transition
4. Reflections on transition for years EYs to Y6
5. AOB

Present: LH (4H), BG (1S), AF - (2M), AW (EYP), SHS (3E)

Apologies: NH (EYM)

MINUTES

Purpose of Parent Forum

- Purpose of Parent Forum explained – impact of school improvement, gauge parental views and opinions, seeking feedback.
- Not suitable way to raise individual matters as Parent Forum only meet three times a year.

Accessibility Plan

- Accessibility Plan shared, feedback taken and questions responded to.
 - o 'What is G+T register?' – A register that identifies pupils who are excelling in one field or another e.g. sports, academic, music, wider talents.
 - o Consider access arrangements for parents who have English as an additional language or a visual impairment. Could parents new to school be asked for this information?
 - o Consider volume of non-physical related clubs e.g. Computing, Music, Art, Yoga, French, Music.

Reflections on new intake transition

- Prospective parents provided with abundance of information, but parents agreed this was positive.
- Preparation for school section of New Intake Parent Meeting was very well received e.g. use of cutlery, toileting.
- St Ann's parents' presentations are formal in style but this communicates effectively standards and expectations. Parents whose parenting style matches this, appreciate this. St Ann's are not 'fluffy' in applications of policies and procedures.
- Introduction to staff is useful e.g. HT, DHT, AHTs, SENDCO, Family Support Worker.
- Children benefitted from July transition sessions. Provided reference point over summer.
- Query - Was transition too long for some children?
- Parents appreciated information packs received at June Parent Intake Meeting.
- Possible action – make parents aware that they may wish to screen shot the presentation on their phone to remind themselves of key information.
- Suggestion – Invite parent to attend Open Day and provide feedback or take questions from prospective parents.

Reflections on transition for years EYs to Y6

- EY classes are mixed before they transition into Y1. Rationale explained – create 2 balanced classes. Query – is this unsettling for some children? If in children's best interests, St Ann's reserve the right to mix the classes within other year groups.
- Suggestion – Rationale for mixing of classes within a year group to be sent to parents, with opportunity for individual parent conversations at least a week before transition week.
- Suggestion – Parents informed of new class teachers before children so can better support if required.
- Transition from EY – Y1 discussed in relation to end of continuous provision. This is the right approach for children who attend St Ann's.

AOB

- Lunchtime meals sometimes different to menu. Occasionally issue with Mellor's suppliers.
- Suggestion – children who have hot meals could choose their meal with their parents at home and send in their child's selections. Draw backs discussed.
- Suggestion – communicate to parents that the smaller gate near disabled space at front of school is available to use in inclement weather to save walking through flooded area near main entrance.
- Query about rationale for whole school now finishing at 3.20pm discussed – to meet expectation that all schools should provide 32.5 hours of education a week to all pupils (not just KS2). Concern that this has exacerbated the parking around school.
- Concern about speed with which some parents drive down View Road at front of school.