



# Parent Forum

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

Present:

This meeting was attended by two parents, Ms Riddleston (Head of School) and Mrs Jaques (Executive Headteacher)

Minutes:

- Ms Riddleston thanked parents for attending today.
- There were discussions about the following:
  - A reminder e-mail was sent out about the parent forum;
  - Unfortunately, there has been no further progress with the repairs to the school roof and therefore the Heras fencing remains around a section of the school building;
  - A parent survey was carried out in November and the results were shared and compared to Parent View at the time of the school's inspection in June 2019:

**November 2019**

	Yes	No	Don't know
Is your child happy at school?	87%	8%	6%
Does your child feel safe at school?	81%	12%	8%
Do you think that the security of the site has improved since September 2019?	71%	11%	18%
Has children's behaviour at the school improved since September 2019?	38%	24%	38%
Do you feel that the school listens to concerns that you raise?	56%	20%	24%

89 respondents

**Ofsted Parent View June 2019**

	Strongly agree or agree	Strongly disagree or disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school.	74%	24%	1%
My child feels safe at this school.	72%	25%	2%

My child makes good progress at this school.	76%	21%	2%
My child is well looked after at this school.	65%	32%	2%
My child is taught well at this school.	75%	23%	2%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	80%	18%	2%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	56%	41%	2%
The school deals effectively with bullying.	30%	44%	25%
The school is well led and managed.	50%	47%	2%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	49%	45%	5%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	61%	37%	1%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes	60%	
	No	40%	

98 respondents

- Parents were positive about the shift in positive comments between June and November.
- Parents gave positive feedback about the toys that have been bought for the children to use at lunchtimes;
- Parents asked about reward systems alongside the school's behaviour 'levels' system. Ms Riddleston said that this is the next step that needs to be taken and that this will be discussed with the school's leadership team. Parents discussed the use of house points, certificates, class dojos, all of which are seen as positive;
- Ms Riddleston asked parents about Christmas events planned in school. She said that the school is worried that some children might not return for the 5.30 seasonal celebration. Parents commented that whatever time is chosen for this sort of thing is not going to please everyone. Children in classes have been working together for the seasonal celebration and are disappointed when other members of their group are unable to attend the evening performance. However it was acknowledged that some children attend other clubs outside of school and therefore find it difficult to return to school in the evening;
- Ms Riddleston shared with parents that there are likely to be class assemblies in the Spring Term and that parents will be invited to these;
- Lost property – there was a discussion about lost property and about items with names being returned to children. It was agreed that someone from the school office will check the lost property box regularly to ensure that all named items are returned;
- Parents asked about Ofsted returning to the school. Ms Riddleston confirmed that there are a lot of external checks taking place to support the school to improve and that these will continue until everyone is happy that the school is in a better position. Parents asked if there had been any feedback from these visits and Ms Riddleston commented that the school has had to prioritise safeguarding and that progress in this area has been acknowledged;
- After school clubs – there was a question about clubs after school and Ms Riddleston confirmed that there are likely to be further after school clubs in the future;
- HSA – Ms Riddleston is keen for the HSA to re-start. There was a question about the Cosy Cabin and it was confirmed that although the HSA paid for part of this, the remainder has been paid by the school and there is still a great deal of money to pay if it is to be used. Ms Riddleston and Mrs Jaques are keen to draw a line under this so that the HSA can start again with no debt. It was agreed that parents are keen to do fund raising for a variety of different areas of the school. The school is currently

raising funds for a defibrillator as suggested by a parent. Money is being raised for this by a raffle of a hamper at each seasonal celebration event.

The meeting finished at 3.15 p.m. Ms Riddleston thanked parents for attending and for sharing their ideas.

- **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2.30 p.m.**