

Parents Forum – 08.06.22

Present	S. McCabe S. Barry H. Finlay
1. Welcome and Introductions	
<p>SM Thanked parents for attending. It was explained that SM as Executive Headteacher would lead the sessions. Colleagues will join as appropriate or required in relation to the agenda. Colleagues were introduced.</p>	
2. Guidance and Procedures	
<p>The aims of the forum were clarified as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Work together to improve the education provided for our children</li><li>· Share information, knowledge and skills</li><li>· Further improve communication between parents/carers and staff/governors</li></ul> <p>Any parent/carer is welcome to join any parent forum meeting, and parents can attend meetings in relation to their availability. The forums give parents an opportunity to meet regularly and share views on what the school is doing well, and suggest ideas of how things can be improved. They provide staff with an opportunity to share/showcase developments and update parents and carers with information regarding school development. Minutes of the meetings will be shared via the newsletter and the school website. It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff. The parent's forums will be held termly. Items for discussion can be raised at the meeting in the AOB section; alternatively, items can be shared in advance by email to the school office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was confirmed that the invite does apply to extended family and carers</li><li>• Discussion regarding how we communicate due to numbers in attendance – confirmed that we do communicate via text, email, newsletter and FB</li><li>• Sharing the agenda in advance may entice parents to attend</li><li>• The possibility of a personal invite was discussed</li></ul>	
3. Vision	
<p>SM shared her vision for the school and aims for development regarding teaching and learning and assessment. Marking and feedback was explored. The policy can be found on the website in relation to this. In addition to discussions regarding assessment, the message linked to further improving the school and provision for our pupils. The drive is for the school to be a centre of excellence. For the school to be the very best it can be. We work to ensure we foster a love of learning and all young people thrive and are motivated to make a positive impact on each other's lives. It was noted that the showcase session should be longer to enable parents to see and discuss their children's work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirmed that we are working to identify gaps and there is continued assessment in lessons</li><li>• Weekly staff meetings reviewing curriculum and teaching strategies, including misconceptions and how we support with these</li></ul>	

- Maths progress was raised, it was stated that progress in 2019 was negative and that this will be impacted further by Covid 19 – discussions regarding external support staff are receiving and CPD in place

#### 4. Updates and Developments

Shared information regarding planned roof work, fire prevention work and electrical work to the building.

Discussed responses and actions from the parent survey in March 2022 and discussed the you said, we did, document that was attached to the last newsletter – 27.5.22

It was noted that we only received 4 responses and the survey was issued in the same way to all schools in the Trust.

#### 5. Dates

Key dates for the remainder of this term were discussed:

w/c 06/06/22- Year 1 Phonics screening

w/c 20.06.22 - Swimming lessons

27.06.22 - EYFS and KS1 Forest School trip

28.07.22- KS2 Forest School trip

w/c 04.07.22 - Sports Week EYFS Keswick Climbing Wall trip KS1 Horse Riding

Sports week- 07.07.22 KS2 Keswick Climbing Wall

Sports week- 08.07.22 KS1+2 Keswick Climbing Wall

12.07.22 1.30pm End of Year Production 13.07.22 1.30pm + 5.00pm End of Year Production

18.07.22 Sports Day EYFS am / KS1+2 pm

21.07.22 Leavers and Celebration assembly 9.30am

#### AOB

- Recruitment of pupils and increase in pupil numbers – this was raised and discussed. There are many positives of our school, which we could share, and market. It was noted that the numbers in nursery are positive and we hope this is an upward trend
- Friends of Arlecdon – this ceased due to reliance on the same parents, but they will hold a summer ball this term and date will be confirmed and shared on the newsletter with a request for parental support
- School admissions for WLA – confirmed that we are prioritised in the admissions criteria as we are a Trust school