

Parent Forum – 26th June 2023

In attendance: Steve Snelson, Rachael Watts, Caitlin Teague, Simon Renshaw, Gemma Burgess, Sarah Woodcock

1) Intros and welcome

Caitlin Teague, Chair, welcome everyone to the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves

2) Uniform

The previous discussion about make up had been included into the uniform policy and Steve asked those present to view the wording – it was agreed it looked reasonable as a request and agreement. It was suggested that Fitbits were specifically included as an allowed item, to hopefully avoid full smart watches at school which continue to not be allowed.

There was also a discussion around including a branded PE tshirt into the uniform list, so that it can be used at sport events where the children represent the school. Cost was a concern, along with recent guidelines about how much branded uniform schools are allowed to request on. School agreed to check with the uniform supplier to ascertain likely costs for such an item.

3) Lunches

Rachel and Steve asked for feedback on the current lunch options – more fillings needed for jacket potatoes, some consideration of portion sizes (too small) and how menu changes do limit choices for some was amongst the feedback. School is looking at their lunch suppliers on an ongoing basis to ensure best value for money plus choice.

Some children feel that they have less time to play if they have hot dinners due to their turn in the hall but Rachel assured that all children have the same length of free time during this break

4) Issues from parents

Online issues – a discussion was had around issues with children using online platforms and messaging services and how to best manage this. My Family Coach was suggested as a good resource for parents for some information on how to manage their children's online activity. School agreed to communicate any more information they knew of or could identify with parents.

Parents Evening – a parent asked again if these would return as face to face, it was agreed that this could be planned for the next school year, with the Autumn term being the likely suggestion to be face to face and subsequent evenings to remain online. Parents welcomed an opportunity to meet their child's teacher 'in the flesh' and agreed this was a good compromise.

Clubs – school confirmed that after school clubs are being continually worked on to provide a good mix of activities to as many year groups as possible

5) Any other business/future agenda items

No further issues raised, Caitlin thanked everyone for attending and advised the next meeting would be confirmed after the summer break