



Parent Forum Minutes

Date	16/05/25
Time	14.00 start
Venue	Staff Room & OPAL areas
Present: CD, LC, JL, DC, LB, TG, HC, LL, AH, KS, HS, SM (Relish)	
Apologies : IG, LT	

Item	By
Apologies IG, LT	Louise Caller (CoG)
Approve minutes All approved, no comments received.	All
Governor update LC confirmed that Ian Gisborne will be stepping down as Governor Lead for the Parent Forum. The group thanked Ian for his contributions. The new link Governor will be appointed in the new academic year.	LC Sept 25
Relish A representative from Relish attended the meeting and brought a selection of plated food to demonstrate portion sizes, see photos. Relish confirmed that the food portions are dictated by the School Food Standards and provided a copy for parents to read. Bread is available on request during all servings. Relish sympathized that the App imagery does not always accurately represent the offerings provided, due to plating differences.	LC





• Smart Watches CD confirmed that Smart Watches are not permitted in school. Watches that track fitness such as Fit Bits are permitted. The general rule being if the watch has access to photos, a camera and or games it is not permitted on site, regardless of whether the Apps have been disabled.	CD
• Support for Staff Wellbeing CD explained about teachers directed working hours, as set by the DfE and asked that parents help support the wellbeing of staff by undertaking the following: - Scheduling emails so that they are not sent outside of teachers working hours. - Use a 'Post it Note' type message sent in with pupils to let staff know about minor things - Visit/email the school office for any urgent issues. - Respect the 3 day turn around for teachers to answer parent queries. CD also confirmed that the school have signed up an initiative called Bounce, which from the academic year	CD

25/26 will be used to measure the Wellbeing of pupils and staff going forward.	
• Thankyou Acorns parents wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive thankyou to the school for how they have supported their children's move into the education system.	Acorns
• Sports Day Parents wondered whether there was any opportunity for parent participation. CD confirmed that due to insurances this was not possible.	Year 1
• Non Fiction Reading Parents asked if there was any way that pupils interests are matched with the non-fiction book selection. As some are having trouble engaging children in topics with which they have no interest. CD confirmed that book selection is 'free choice' to the pupils, but also noted as they move through the ye4ar groups the choice of topics becomes wider.	Year 1
• Smart Phone Free Childhood CD confirmed that this is a parent led initiative and the school were purely disseminating the information as opposed to tracking the uptake.	Year 1
• Class Assemblies Parent thank you for the wonderful class assemblies stating they have been a pleasure to watch.	Year 2
• Snacks CD confirmed that school snacks should be a whole piece of fruit.	Year 2
• Stranger Danger Parents have questioned the security of the front gates and the classroom which leads onto the carpark. CD confirmed that the site is secure despite their being an issue with the main gates which is currently being resolved and will involve works at half term. CD assured parents that the classrooms/offices leading onto the carpark should never have the door open	Year 2

during school teaching hours. School has emergency procedures in place.	
Extended Breaks CD confirmed that it would cost the school £73000 per annum to extend school breaks to 30 mins, which is unachievable for the school to absorb, as the teaching times are set by a national directive.	Year 3
Residential Parents wanted to express their thanks to the school for the success of the recent Holloford trip	Year 4
Trip Costs Parent expressed concerns at the cost of school trips increasing. CD confirmed that the school follows the charging and remittance policy and are not permitted to make any profit on trips or charge for others who don't pay. Costs of coaches and activities have increased exponentially. CD also confirmed that any parent who is struggling to pay for such activities are always encouraged to reach out to the school who will help with affordability/extend time where possible. Last year school funded £6600 to cover the unmet cost of trips. Trips are linked to the curriculum being taught.	Year 4
Opal Supervision CD confirmed that there had been no changes in supervision levels since the introduction of Opal, instead how the supervision is organised in zones is different to the previous arrangement. Staff roam. There is DfE ratio for supervision.	Year 4
School Team Sports Kits CD confirmed that the schools standard PE kit was the schools varying team sports kits. There are football kits which are used when numbers permit.	Year 4
SATs Year 6 parents wanted to express their thanks to the school for how well SATS have been dealt with in school. Some children also being sad that they are over.	Year 6
AOB Year 6 Ski Trip. CD confirmed that the cost of the ski trip had increased considerably and was not demonstrating any level of value for money and therefore was not being pursued.	Y6
Date of Next Meeting	CD

CD confirmed that there would be no more Parent Forum meetings this academic year and a timetable for the new year will be issued September 2025.	
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