



# parents forum

## Minutes: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Vicki Houldcroft	Jasmine Howe
Gemma Halsey	Nici Turnball	Sarah Thompson
Lucy Goringe	Julie Easton (Teacher rep)	
Apologies: Rachel Lamont; Anna Allen		

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
RSE: JE shared the RSE policy with the Parent Forum. There were no questions.	Thank you for your feedback on this
SDP: JE shared the SDP four main points with the Parent Forum Questions:- Relating to the reading point, are parents going to be allowed into school to read with children?	Under normal circumstances yes - we actively encourage parents to come into school to read. In the current situation though, we are considering visitors on a case by case basis and are unlikely to be allowing parents in for short periods of time for reading sessions.
<u>Covid Return to School Questions</u>  What will happen with the ventilation in class when it gets cold? Can they wear coats?  Issue of bags - There is inconsistency between classes. Some classes are allowed to bring bags and some are not. The newsletter said that they could bring bags. The children are finding it hard to bring in everything without a bag. Could they put their bags in their locker if they don't fit under their chair, or could they bring it all in in a smaller bag? Please could we have clarification (even if it is different for each class)  Older siblings are being taken over to younger siblings gate by	The children have their coats in class and can wear them if needed. As the weather gets colder we will work out what the best thing to do is and inform parents at the time.  Children are allowed to bring in a bag for their things. In most classes these are kept in the classroom and so smaller bags are preferable to large ones. Teachers are avoiding using cloakrooms and lockers to avoid children from different class bubbles being in the corridors at the same times.  It is fine for older siblings to go

<p>an adult after the rest of the class has been dismissed which makes them very late to get to their own gate. Do they have to wait to be taken over or can the children go over on their own. It feels safe as there is a teacher at every exit point as the children are still in school. This doesn't match the fact that the older ones are allowed to line up on their own in the morning.</p> <p>Is it the child or teacher's responsibility to remember when the child needs to go to another exit? Some children weren't sent over to their younger siblings' exit gate at the end of the day.</p> <p>Can teachers try to be on time as one class being late can impact detrimentally when parents have multiple pick-ups.</p> <p>Can the PE T shirts be worn for PE rather than the yellow shirts?</p> <p>There was a question about whether children could or should bring their own tissues in or is there a central resource of tissues in the class? Should they bring their own hand gel in or should they use what the school is providing?</p> <p>The flow chart about what to do if your child has got a temperature is a little confusing. Is there a clarity on how siblings fit into the flowchart?</p>	<p><b>over to the gate without an adult. This will be shared with all class teachers.</b></p> <p><b>Hopefully these organisational problems have been sorted out. Please speak to your child's teacher on the gate if it continues to be a problem.</b></p> <p><b>We will share this with class teachers.</b></p> <p><b>We are wearing yellow shirts as these are suitable for PE, and look smart as a uniform in class meaning that children still concentrate well on their work in class on PE days.</b></p> <p><b>Children shouldn't be bringing anything from home into school without prior arrangement with the class teacher. All classes are well stocked with tissues and hand gel and so children should not need to bring in any from home.</b></p> <p><b>Every time one child has symptoms you start again on the follow chart for each child. If a member of your family has symptoms, all members of the household should isolate until the person with symptoms has a negative test result. We can add this information to our website.</b></p>
<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>Uniform - There is feedback that parents are having trouble with ordering uniform as the sizing seems so random. New ones were ordered in the next size up and when they came, the next size up was exactly the same as the size the child was wearing. Do other parents have the same problem? Is this an opportunity to look at the quality of the providers or at least feedback to them as the sizing doesn't seem to work in a logical order. Are the variations coming from the suppliers' supply? Can we do a questionnaire about uniform to see what</p>	<p><b>This would be a good opportunity to find out more about the suitability of the uniform provided. We will send a questionnaire home via the newsletter.</b></p>

<p>percentage are having problems and whether we are getting what we want from them?</p> <p>Milk (Hazel) - How do you order milk when you are no longer eligible for the free milk?</p> <p>Team Points - How are team points worked out? Is there a bias in teams? Has one team got more children than another? It doesn't look balanced in sports day. If yellow is 20% down is their score adjusted accordingly? Red always seems to be a long way behind.</p> <p>School dinner portions seem really small</p> <p>Snacks - Are KS1 supposed to bring in snacks. Which year groups get free fruit? Are the children encouraged to get their snack out at break time?</p> <p>Swimming - Are we doing swimming this term? Or this year?</p> <p>Time for meeting - What is a good time of day for a meeting? Could we meet in person in the Grazeley village hall area. If in person it is better just before pick up. School day is better.</p>	<p>An email is sent via the milk company as your child reaches the age of 5. We will send details via the newsletter on how to contact the company to order milk for your child.</p> <p>Children are added equally to teams when they arrive in school, although numbers in a team can be affected when families leave the school midyear. We always balance out the size of teams as new children start school. We are aware that the red team (Tornado) are behind, however, they do have the highest number of children at the moment.</p> <p>We will feed this back to the catering company</p> <p>Fruit is freely available for all children in KS1 to eat at snack time. General reminders are given about taking your snack out at breaktime.</p> <p>If we are offsite, then we would need to limit ourselves to 6 people as per the COVID guidance and as we are usually a larger group than this, it will not be possible to meet face to face. It is the preference of the school to continue to meet online for the time being.</p>
<p>Membership - Thank you to Elaine for all the time she has given to parent forum and all other members for being part of it.</p> <p>Laura will check the terms of reference and ensure that all classes are represented on the forum. Any general communication about parent forum will go via the newsletter.</p>	<p>The school would like to echo these thanks to Elaine and wish her all the best as her oldest child has moved to secondary school.</p> <p>Thank you too to all of you who have represented your classes on the forum throughout the year. We look forward to working with you again this year.</p>
<p><b>Date for next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2pm</b></p>	