



parents forum

Minutes: 17th June 2020

Members present:

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

Agenda Item:	Response from school:
<p>How are different year groups finding new situation? Year Groups with children in school - These groups are really happy. Feedback was positive, thank you for everything that is being done to make things as normal as possible. Those still at home - Feedback at home is still really good for these year groups</p> <p>Some children in Y1 are a little bit anxious about what happens if they break the new rules as there are so many and its different.</p> <p>Year Groups with children at home-</p> <p>In the main year groups at home where there have been a change in teacher responding to work, have had a good experience.</p> <p>Parents weren't aware that Mrs Carter was involved with Cedar until she sent a message out. Would have liked to have known.</p> <p>The PSHE projects allocated in one year group have been useful.</p> <p>One person said that their child has enjoyed the more open ended project work that needs research. Could they have more of these open-ended projects that the children could get into.</p> <p>One parent would like access to the work earlier so that they can front load the week and have Friday off but they need access to the work to do that. Could it all be posted at the start of the</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>Thank you for the positive feedback. It is good to hear that the return to school has been working well, whilst maintaining the support at home.</p> <p>We will feed this back to Lion and Tiger bubbles where the adults in charge of each bubble will address it with the children.</p> <p>We are glad to hear that this is working well.</p> <p>Mrs Carter is predominantly allocated to FS and we are not expecting her to respond to Y3 work. However she has kindly reached out to the Year 3 children as these are the children she usually works with.</p> <p>We are glad to hear the PSHE work has helped.</p> <p>We will share this with staff</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to management of teacher workload, this won't be possible.</p>

<p>week rather than the night before?</p> <p>Last Monday Y5 changed to everything on Google Classrooms. - there was no warning. This was a problem as it has produced IT problems for families.</p> <p>If we want to send Mrs Tiffin a private message, what's the best way to contact her? You can't do this on Google Classrooms.</p> <p>Y5/6 Now both of the teachers are in school how will the support work</p> <p>Minutes from last meeting said that staff have been including some teaching videos on their home page. Some classes have only had resource videos, not videos from the teacher.</p>	<p>This is a leadership decision due to the success of using google classrooms with Y6. The work in Y5 had been gradually moving over to google classrooms. If there is an issue with IT access, please contact the school office.</p> <p>Please email the admin address and they will forward your message to Mrs Tiffin.</p> <p>Please just post your questions and someone will respond to them as soon as they can.</p> <p>We are sorry if this was not clear from the minutes. All staff have done a welcome video so that children can see their faces. Some may have since recorded teaching videos but this is not an expectation of school and we are asking staff to video only where they are comfortable to do so</p>
<p>September:</p> <p>There were several questions about September from Cedar class:</p> <p>Following the Government changes to the plans for July, there is some worry and also frustration about when the children will return to school.</p> <p>There is concern about the children's academic achievement and also their social and emotional wellbeing which would be benefited from being back at school.</p> <p>Communication - what are the plans for the rest of the term and September?</p> <p>We know that the Government updates are released to schools at the same time as the public but there must be contingency plans in place for all possibilities that can hopefully be shared with parents.</p> <p>What are the obstacles that might prevent the children returning to school when the Government say it is safe to do so. What routes have been explored?</p> <p>eg if 2 meter social distancing remains in September will the children be back in school?</p>	<p>The school understands that parents are concerned about this. Thank you for sharing these concerns with us. We are currently looking at all of these at a strategic level and once we have decided on a course of action to address these, then we will let the parents know. Until that time please be assured that the governors are supporting the SLT in future planning and asking the challenging questions. This is something that we cannot share with parents at this time. We are also being guided by Wokingham and consulting with other local schools.</p>

<p>If obstacles are space - then what can be done about this eg marquees?</p> <p>If staffing - have you sourced supply teachers? Local members of the community with relevant qualifications and DBS checks?</p> <p>More practical questions - what is the plan when learning does resume - what is the plan to assess where each learner is at and then catch up on lost time?</p> <p>Transition programme - Will they start year 4 in September, with new teachers? Under the current guidance you get children in for one to one meetings - is this planned if the guidance does not change at all?</p> <p>Aside from learning there is a real concern over the social aspect of not being in school. If a return is possible this term, but learning may not be able to take place for whatever reason, can children be brought back in for social reasons, eg half a day a week for games or similar, maybe using Get Active staff who would be available.</p> <p>Remote learning - if children remain off for the rest of the term will we move to more online/interactive learning. One parent has examples from other schools on technologies that can be used and offers of support. Can video calls be used, small groups of 5 children for 10 minutes to chat about the work set that week and to interact with classmates.</p>	
<p>School Vision: Miss Easton shared the results of the School Vision Survey with Parent Forum. The parent representatives shared their inspiration responses. Thank you to the Parent Forum for their help with this.</p>	<p>Thank you for this - it was really useful (and fun!) for Miss Easton</p>
<p>AOB: None</p>	
<p>Date for next meeting: None Set</p>	