

Meeting 1 – 1st April 2022

Aim of the group – The purpose of the group is regarding year groups/school wide focus not personal to specific children.

Headteacher thanked everyone for volunteering to be part of the group and really appreciated then for taking the time.

Since being Headteacher communication to parents had been reviewed with a mixture of feedback, too much, not enough etc and we are now looking at the way forward with this groups, as representatives of the 7 year groups within school. There have already been some amendments to the way communication and correspondence has been dealt with and this working party will hopefully be able to further improve with communication from school to parents.

A copy of the groups aims, objectives were handed out to the parents and attached.

Year 3 parent commented on the positives that she has already seen and the prompt action. There are still a few issues that she and the parents she has spoken to would like resolved. More clubs eg. Badminton although pleased with overall offer. Lack of permanent IT teacher, Headteacher explained school had undertaken 3 rounds of the interview process to find the right candidate with the right skills. They will be joining us after Easter.

Some of the parents present advised that they had set up groups on Facebook, WhatsApp to discuss this and to help them have an overview of parents' thoughts and feedback

Year R parent, new to school system and would like a little more information when children start school as to what to expect and when. Information on the topics they would be looking at, when there were parent's evenings and reports etc. Would like to be more involved so a schedule of events would be helpful as a reference to what events would be coming up in the academic year. Especially for working parents so that they could arrange time off.

There was a discussion between the parents on what they would like at the start of the year.

Headteacher stated that meet the teacher will be resumed in September 2022. Explained that reporting system of 2 parent evenings (autumn and summer term) and spring term written report in line with other primary schools.

The Headteacher explained that due to COVID that there had been restrictions on having parents in but this was now lifted and the school are starting to have parents back in for outcomes etc.

Headteacher also went onto say that the website is growing with information available for parents, have a look at it, curriculum maps. There is also a year group page, which should mirror the information across the school. Website is focus of the next meeting and parents were given newsletter thoughts/comments to take back to year groups.

It was suggested that the newsletter could have reminders on it for reply slips, updates etc with a signpost as to where parents can find the information on line, link to the website page etc. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.

The question was also asked about being an Academy and the benefits and restrictions. Headteacher asked for questions to come back to next meeting

The Headteacher thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and looking forward to what the group could come together to improve communication in the school.

The next meeting was set for Friday 6th May at 2.30pm.