



## Parent Forum Meeting

Date:	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 9.00am			
Attendees:				
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Attended</i>
	Mrs. Fraser	Headteacher		✓
	Mr. Ladyman	Deputy Headteacher		✓
	Mrs. Curtis-Cross	Office Co-Ordinator		✓
	Lalinthika Alvares	Nursery	Little Berries	x
	Gemma Moncada	Nursery	Little Pines	x
	Adina Carda			x
	Sonali Patil	Nursery	Little Acorns	x
	Kunal Prasad	Reception	Birch	✓
	Rachel Hopkins			x
	Siobhan Connolly	Reception	Hazel	x
	Sharon Patterson	Reception	Willow	x
	Uma Macarov			x
	Sannah Khan	Year One	Beech	x
	<i>Vacant</i>	Year One	Elm	
	Sophie Baker	Year One	Lime	x
	Richard Rangel	Year Two	Oak	✓
	Laurilee Green	Year Two	Plane	✓
	Rhiannon Witney	Year Two	Spruce	✓
	Neesha Paik			x
	Neesha Paik	Year Three	Alder	x
	Holly Fox	Year Three	Cedar	✓
	Sharon Patterson	Year Four	Ash	x
	Kamila Dawson	Year Four	Rowan	✓
	Laura Nunn			✓
	Louise O'Driscoll	Year Five	Maple	x
	Laurilee Green	Year Five	Sycamore	✓
	<i>Vacant</i>	Year Six	Aspen	
	Jayne Bendell	Year Six	Hawthorn	x

Review of previous/outstanding actions	Progress?
<i>Nothing outstanding</i>	N/A

Actions ahead of next meeting	Progress?

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1	Parent Forum Guidance	New guidance to be will accompany meeting minutes when sent to representatives. Future agendas will be

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		decided by senior leaders at the school. An example of the new template will also be shared with reps.
2	Whole School  Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting	<p>Can children take turns and have allocated days at breaktime to enable them to access different activities, and can the older children in Years Five and Six not mix with the younger children as they can be a lot rougher and unkind to the younger children? This has been an ongoing issue, and is there not an option for people to volunteer during these periods to supervise if there is limited staff outside?</p> <p>No to volunteers for numerous reasons, mainly safeguarding, expense, time, consistency. Lunchtime plans are in hand and will be communicated in due course. Year Five and Six are currently separate. The field was also be used in the summer term.</p> <p>Please can you communicate with parents/carers in advance regarding any planned LGBT themed content. My child recently came home saying there had been an LGBT history month assembly, and I do not believe that this is age appropriate. Understanding that we show gentleness and respect to everyone regardless of their lifestyle or choices, whether we agree or not, is perfectly acceptable, but they should never be exposed to adult themes or partisan content, particularly as GRPA is a highly diverse community of many different mainstream political/religious views, none of which must be respected by the school.</p> <p>This is an individual opinion and better suited to a written communication that can be addressed with said individual. This will not be addressed at parent forum.</p> <p>Recently my child was not allowed to eat jelly, yogurt coated fruit flakes and a cookie that had been provided within their lunchbox. The catering team provides jelly and cookies etc., so why aren't we allowed to provide such things?</p> <p>This is an individual circumstance, which is not for parent forum. However, this should not have happened, and it will be investigated.</p> <p>Confusion around Autism Awareness Day as was previously included within key dates but there was no further communication confirming if it was going ahead or not.</p> <p>Apologies that this was not shared in the newsletter prior to the day. It is in the newsletter retrospectively and we have had an assembly, and some in-class discussion linked to the day.</p> <p>The parent/carer book look was also included within key dates but again there was no further communication confirming if it was going ahead or not. Understandably this caused some confusion and uncertainty.</p> <p>We can confirm that this was shared within the newsletter sent to parents/carers on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p>

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		<p>Old Pupil Learning Reviews from years ago are displaying on Arbor which makes it difficult when trying to book (ahead of the February PLRs).</p> <p><i>Mrs. Curtis-Cross confirmed that the admin team are aware and have already raised this with Arbor to which they responded with the following.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, there isn't a way to remove old consultation meetings from view on the parent/carer portal, but this is something that our engineers are working on to roll out shortly.</i></p> <p><i>This means that, soon enough, guardians won't have any confusion about which meetings are historic, although they can scroll down to see the newest meetings at the bottom of this section.</i></p> <p>Electric scooters are still being used on school grounds, ridden by both adults and children, and it's very dangerous. <i>We can confirm that this is in hand.</i></p> <p>Mrs. Fraser isn't often visible by the Key Stage Two gates. <i>This is due to Mrs. Fraser currently doing morning boosters for Year Six.</i></p> <p>Sometimes the hot meals on offer at lunchtime are cold. <i>This will be fed back to HCL and the kitchen team.</i></p>
3	<p>Nursery</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	
4	<p>Reception</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>Will a halal option be considered in the future? <i>This is not something in which we can consider at current due to not having the right facilities in place.</i></p>
5	<p>Year One</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	
6	<p>Year Two</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>This term has been very disruptive for Plane class. Whilst the children have coped very well with the staffing arrangements, many parents/carers are now concerned about the impact on their progression this year.</p> <p>We do understand much of it has been out of the schools control and changes were made to minimise this as much as possible, however we would strongly like to request that next year this is all kept in mind to try to give Plane class</p>

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		<p>priority in enabling a smoother year with consistency for the children.</p> <p>It will 100% be a consideration for next year. The children have coped extremely well, and we know that this was far from ideal, and we appreciate the understanding of the parents/carers and children. Pupil Learning Reviews will take place with Miss. Chalmers and Mrs. Thorn next half term, to which a letter will be sent to parents/carers soon communicating this.</p> <p>Parent/carer trip volunteers not informed. This is an ongoing issue but specifically relates to the upcoming Claydon House trip at current.</p> <p>This will be discussed with Miss. Dilks who oversees trips and visits. We apologise for any confusion or frustration caused.</p>
7	<p>Year Three</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>Seems to be a lot of litter on the playground at the moment.</p> <p>This will be fed back to the site team (Mr. Morris).</p> <p>Some parents/carers are again disappointed in how we chose to celebrate World Book Day this year.</p> <p>This is something in which has already been discussed ahead of future years. We may consider alternating the way in which we celebrate. This will of course be confirmed and communicated ahead of next year.</p>
8	<p>Year Four</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>Can swimming be funded by Sports Premium?</p> <p>To confirm, the swimming lessons are covered by Sports Premium, but the funding cannot be used to cover the cost of transport which is why we ask for a voluntary contribution. Sadly, fewer parents/carers are contributing, meaning we will likely have to reconsider the duration of the swimming lesson offering for future years. This will of course be communicated as and when necessary.</p>
9	<p>Year Five</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>Are comms still sent specifically on a Tuesday and Thursday?</p> <p>We can confirm that where possible we only send letters on a Tuesday and Thursday, PTA letters on a Friday as well as the newsletter on a Friday.</p>
10	<p>Year Six</p> <p>Issues raised from parents/carers on the online feedback and from the meeting</p>	<p>The children come back late on Monday night after a very busy and long residential weekend and then they have to go straight into two days of transition at their secondary schools. A number of parents/carers have raised that this is really bad timing. Apparently, the same concerns were raised last year as the residential was at the same time then and a number of children struggled. Although aware nothing can be done for this year, can be in considered for the current Year Five which is probably about to start being planned?</p> <p>This has been previously raised and was acknowledged at the time. We have of course previously tried to move the dates, and will continue to do so, but we can only work with the availability on offer. This is currently something in which</p>

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		is being reviewed and will be communicated with parents/carers as and when necessary.
11	AOB	
12	Positive Feedback	<p>😊 Shout out to Miss. Dilks and Miss. Jones who brighten up the children's and parents/carers morning everyday by giving a lovely welcome with smiles and kind words. Although it has to be said that the children have been missing seeing Miss. Dilks on the gate recently!</p> <p>🍴 Puddings provided in the kitchen during lunchtime have improved.</p> <p>Reminder to parents/carers that there is a 'compliments the cook' option within the 'food' section on your child's SchoolGrid account should you ever wish to feedback directly. To confirm, this is only for positive feedback though.</p> <p>✅ Positive feedback regarding the enrichment clubs booking progress on Arbor.</p> <p>⚠️ The new road safety signs are a hit amongst parents/carers.</p> <p>📚 The author visit and book signing last week was amazing. Thank you for organising!</p> <p>👍 Compliments to Miss. South for dealing with any issues of bullying well.</p> <p>★ Thank you to Miss. Dilks and all the Reception team for holding the Stay and Learn and library sessions in the afternoon. It is so much better and leads to a lot less tears from the children.</p>
13	Next meeting	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 2.15pm