

## Parent Forum Agenda

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 1pm via Zoom

Apologies: N/A

Present: Louise Parkin, Bec Cook, Michelle Wray, Caroline Heel, Claire Harwood, Helen Galpin, Aimee Steward, Natalie Watkins

Item		Action
1. Agree minutes from previous meeting.	Agreed	
2. Actions from the previous meeting	Agreed	
3.	<p>Ofsted parent view - Mrs Parkin shared the questions from OFSTED parent view, the platform used by OFSTED at the time of a school inspection. Mrs Parkin asked the forum the best way of obtaining parent views in terms of ensuring we get responses back. Parents agreed that having a reward for the class with the most responses back would work as the children then put pressure on parents to return the questionnaires!</p>	<p>Questionnaire to be emailed/sent as a paper copy to parents with the promise of a film afternoon with popcorn for the winning class.</p>
4.	<p>Christmas cards, no presents for children or staff- Mrs Parkin explained that due to COVID 19 restrictions, and money being tight for many families, that teachers are grateful for a simple card as a thank you from parents.</p> <p>Christmas decoration day - 30<sup>th</sup> November - Mrs Parkin explained the school's plans to celebrate Christmas/the winter period using a wintry text as a muse. The school will be decorated to inject some Christmas spirit and cheer into the community. This includes a community Christmas Tree which will be put up and decorated by FONS on 30<sup>th</sup> November at the front of the school building.</p> <p>Christmas arts and crafts saved and sent home in a folder.</p> <p>Nativity and Carol Concert - amalgamated into one this year - pre-recorded snippets will (hopefully!) be edited together as a film for families to enjoy together after school has broken up for Christmas holidays. December 17<sup>th</sup> is Christmas dinner/jumper party day with treats organised by FONS.</p>	<p>Mrs Parkin has confirmed that teachers are so grateful for parents thinking of them, but a word of thanks or a card is enough of a lovely token - thank you.</p>

5.	School cloud changes for mentoring meetings - School cloud is in the process of allowing two parents onto the same call when they are in different locations. Mrs Parkin is in talks with School Cloud about this. Mrs Parkin informed the forum that, as per parental request, meeting times will be increased to 15 minutes.	Appointments will be available to book on the first week of the Spring term and will take place in week 2.
6.	EK - behaviour policy - Mrs Kelly is updating our behaviour policy and would like to have responses from all stakeholders. She will undertake this work with the Young Governors. Mrs Parkin asked if the forum would like to be consulted either in a separate meeting between now and January or whether by emailing the policy to the forum members to read and respond. All forum members said either was fine.	
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Parkin spoke to the forum members about Isle of Wight schools having different responses to having a positive case of COVID-19 in their schools and how this was perceived negatively by parents on social media in some cases. Mrs Parkin shared how it was often disappointing to read parents from other schools openly 'bashing' their child's school's response. Mrs Parkin shared that, on finding out about a positive case whether that be a child or member of staff, the first port of call is for the school to phone Public Health England and then the DfE/LEA where specific circumstances are shared and track and trace is immediately actioned. At this point, PHE advise the school on their next steps, such as when and how to inform the community and who needs to then self-isolate. Each school reacts differently because of their own unique set of circumstances but what is the same is that the actions taken have all come from PHE and not the school itself.</li> </ul> <p>Caroline shared that in their experience, parents are happy with the way Newchurch has handled the whole COVID-19 situation and appreciate the transparency and being kept informed and up to date with all school actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Claire and Helen shared that some parents are still concerned with whether their children are getting enough time to eat. They know it could be the chatting rather than eating that's going on, but children who are last to wash their hands are saying that they don't have enough time to eat. Mrs Parkin said that this would be fed back to</li> </ul>	From Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> , children will be given an extra few minutes to wash hands before lunch and the slower eaters will be

	<p>staff who would be asked to give children a bit more time to wash hands so that they will have more time to eat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Michelle said that a Year 1 parent had expressed concern about Year 1 pick up arrangements as they said that the area designated was becoming packed with parents from Reception and Year 1 and it was becoming harder for parents to keep track of their children after dismissal from the staff. Mrs Parkin said that she would have a think about this situation and see if there could be a better way of dismissing the children while keeping the parents apart and a line of sight/containment area for the Year 1 children as there is for Year 2 and Reception.</li></ul>	<p>encouraged to go first.</p> <p>The school minibuses have been moved along and two parking spaces cordoned off to avoid people parking there. This is the area where we now ask Year 1 parents to gather (socially distanced). The children can then be held within the fenced outdoor area until a parent is seen and the children dismissed. It seems that parents are less likely to mix across classes this way.</p>
	<p>Next meeting: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm.</p>	