

Parent Forum Agenda/Mins

Friday 6th February 2026 @ 1.30pm in school

Present: Y1, Y4, Y2, Y6

Apologies: YR, Y3, Y5

Item		Action
1. Agree minutes from previous meeting.	Yes	
2. Actions from the previous meeting.	None	
3. Behaviour Policy	<p>Reps read the policy through. Parent rep queried after school detention and suggested that perhaps a restorative conversation after school with parents involved would be better.</p> <p>Parent rep queried whether we would ask parents/children to pay for something if they purposefully break it. LP said that we can suggest but we can't ask a parent to pay, although many parents do offer if they are in this situation.</p>	
4. Careers Policy and careers week	<p>Reps read the policy through. Parent reps discussed whether we have considered linking careers week to jobs you might find on the island and off the island and to make this distinction.</p>	
5. Home Learning Policy	<p>Reps read the policy through.</p> <p>No questions.</p>	
6. Arbor	<p>Parent reps discussed the Arbor app and parents said that it had been well received by the parent body as far as they were aware.</p>	
7. AOB	<p>Y4 – will Newchurch be thinking about how to make uniform more affordable come September due to new government guidelines about only having three logo items?</p> <p>LP shared that we are talking about this with Governors and also looking into making the second-hand uniform more readily available to parents.</p> <p>Y2 – Parents queried being pressured to buy Bey Blades as they are the only toy they are allowed to bring in.</p>	

LP clarified that we ask all children to leave all home toys at home, however, crazes such as this led to children bringing things in occasionally and we sometimes leave it to see how it plays out, however invariably, problems happen and then we say no. Bey blades, had this week, caused two bumped heads and so we are no longer allowing them.

YR – How are older children supported to play with the younger children?

LP said that our buddy system in Y6/YR supports with this as the Y6s re the role models for the school. Supervision outside is paramount too.

YR – Trip to Bembridge park. It looked like the children were at Godshill park instead. Not a concern for this parent but they were worried about parents and children who'd needed to be prepared for that venue.

LP said that sometimes we need to make on the ground safeguarding decisions and the reason for this last minute change was due to road closures and one of the minibus drivers cancelling on the morning which meant that the other bus had to shuttle and make two journeys – Godshill is closer so this was a better option than cancelling the trip as it was seen as a like for like change and staff were familiar with both parks.

Are Newchurch going to adopt free breakfast club?

LP answered at the time, no as money offered from the government wouldn't cover it. However, since the time of this meeting, the government has increased spending in this area to make free breakfast club viable, so this is something we will be considering for September.