

Parent Forum Minutes

Friday 29th September 2023 1.30pm in school

Apologies: No YR rep, LT, KJ

Item		Action
1. Agree terms of reference	Yes – given to all reps.	
2. Anti-bullying policy	Reps were given this policy before the meeting and had a chance to look through the children’s version in the meeting.	Any suggested changes to come to LP by Friday 6 th October.
3. Anti-bullying child friendly leaflet	As above. Reps were appraised of the changes that the children had suggested in the Young Governors’ meeting last week.	
6. AOB	<p>Yoghurt pots in lunch boxes (Y3) – Parents have again raised the fact that lunch boxes are messy and hard to clean when empty but dirty yoghurt pots are put in them and have requested that lunch box rubbish goes in the bin at school. LP said that children will be told that they can put yoghurt pots from lunch boxes, only, in the bin at lunch time and take the rest of their rubbish home so that parents can see what they are eating.</p> <p>Lunch changes after parents have ordered (YR) – Parents are ordering from home and then their child is not getting this lunch. LP explained that when the children come into school, they tell staff what they want and sometimes this is different to what the parent has ordered. If there are no allergies, the staff record what the child says they want in the interests of independence and also, because often, the child won’t eat what the parent has chosen! If the parent is concerned that it’s actually the other way around and their child is not eating the dinner because they keep choosing something they don’t like, then the parent can request that staff do not change their original choice.</p> <p>Pick up and drop off issues. Can the window be extended because of build up of traffic? (Y6) -LP shared that both windows need to be short due to fire safety – we need as short a window as possible where we cannot be sure how many people are in the building. 10 minutes balances the needs of parents re traffic and the safety of the children (getting the register taken as quickly as possible). LP shared that parents can get children to the front gate (staying to supervise) prior to 8.30am – this may help, as the gate opens just before to ease congestion. At pick up, pre-covid there wasn’t a window at all, it was just pick-up at 3pm. Now with the window, although we understand it can be difficult to find a space, the vast</p>	

	<p>majority of children have left the site by 3.10pm and only a very small number (1 or 2 children) a day are left waiting at the office at this point which suggests that the timings are ok for people.</p> <p>Although we understand that at times, it can be stressful, we again, recommend getting here earlier rather than later and parking away from the school and walking the last bit. Parents calling in to alert us to them being late is helping with this. This way of working is much better for the children's learning (don't need to pack up earlier so learning extends to almost 3pm) and is safer for the children as well as allowing teachers to supervise children changing for clubs more easily than we could last year.</p>	
	Next Meeting – Next half term, date and time TBC	