

Parent Forum Minutes – 11.10 2021



Yeoford Community
Primary School

The aim of a parent forum is to:

- Discuss whole school issues (not individual).
- Give parents an opportunity to express their views and ideas.
- Give parents an opportunity to make suggestions for school improvement.
- Allow the school to discuss development and new initiatives we are working on.

Attended by: V Gillon (Academy Head), N Jones, D Jones, B Abbot, S Thomas, A Moseley, R Belcher

Agenda item	Discussion	Outcome / Action
School improvement plan	VG talked through the School Improvement priorities and shared the poster. It is now on the school website. Explore having a twinned school in another part of the world – VG to explore projects available.	Parents are aware of how the school is moving forward
Values	VG explained that we wanted to capture the feeling of the school in words and share as our values. Discussion raised words: family, inclusive, caring, friendship, love, closeness and the phrase 'it takes a community to raise a child'. VG to combine these with staff and pupil feedback and send out proposed value statement for consultation. Parents can add their ideas as and when they think of them.	A shared vision for the school across the wider community
Communication	The current communication methods were discussed and VG invited feedback. Do we need a newsletter so frequently? Can we send less Emails 'sporadically' and combine in to one 'headlines / reminders' Email each week. Parents will be invited in when restrictions allow – this could be a one way system with restricted numbers through the class to look at books and discuss with children what they are learning about.	Key information shared effectively. Parents have an experience of the school
After school club	VG shared that following an overwhelming response, we would now be able to run an after school club Mon-Fri until 6pm. This will be trialled for the half term to ensure it is sustainable. Discussion around the possibility of running an after school club until 4.30pm on some days that everyone is invited to for a cost (eg Lego, Craft, Board games etc) and if longer hours are needed they go to after school club following this.	After school provision set up and potentially allows for increased numbers on role as catering for longer hours
Pets / therapy dogs	RB raised that a therapy dog would be good for the school. We discussed the risks/problems associated with dogs and animals on site with children. VG to explore avenues of getting animal based experiences in school – guide dog, really wild experience. VG will contact other settings to see what they do.	Broaden children's experiences and give choice around exposure to different animals
Lunches	ST raised concerns about the ongoing situation with lunches. Emergency menu to continue until half term and hopefully then return to normal.	Lunch menu to return to normal ASAP to provide choice
School jobs	Informal discussion around outdoor classroom use led to a list of jobs being created! DJ & BA kindly offered their time to help out with a gravel path to the outdoor area and cutting of the bushes. Possibility of an additional external water tap to be explored.	DJ to put out plea on Yeoford hub for patio slabs etc. Outdoor classroom to be more accessible.

Date of next meeting: TBC