

PARENTS' FORUM MINUTES

Wednesday 14 March 2022



	Action
<p>1. In attendance and Apologies Parents: Hannah Goldsmith, Miranda Heath, Sam Dell, Kerry Fitch, Rachel Smith School: Rebecca Campbell, Vicki Marshall Governors: Sadie Thorne Apologies:</p>	
<p>2. Matters arising GDPR: Nikki Mitchell has updated the privacy notice (opting in and out for child's name to be shared with class parents. Should this go out now or later? More response in September? Thoughts were: People won't need a class list until Christmas Card writing. Could also be for party invite. Agreed September would be best. Eco warriors: There were comments made in the last meeting about an imbalance of pupil groups and responsibilities in school. Phil Williams spent the day with Eco Warriors recently. RC wishes parents to know how involved groups are. School council have made decisions about Mufti days; Kindness Ambassadors have been organising playtimes. All parents are happy about this point.</p>	<p>NM to send out class lists in September 2022.</p>
<p>3. Notification of AOB Criteria for pen licences</p>	
<p>4. Uniform Changes made to policy recently were: just trainers; wear PE kit on the day they have PE. Should the HGJS logo should be on all items? Parents' thoughts: Reasonably priced uniform but you can buy cheap uniform (eg polo shirts) in supermarkets. Branded jumpers only for school trips for safety reasons – identification; aesthetic reasons PE kit days are a good idea (ideal for washing) Changing supplier at HGFS went very wrong – PMG (poorer quality and limited stock). However, Different Class have expensive postage and sizing is bad but quality is good. They can be tricky to communicate. Their goods are slightly more expensive than PMG. Other suppliers are in Slough/ Herts and this would be a long way to go to collect the items. There was a query about whether the PE kit should have a logo if the children go off to tournaments. At the moment children can wear plain black hoodies. Should the logo be on the white T shirt only? RC doesn't want to take the flexibility away so the logo should remain on the green hoodie but may purchase others without logo if required. Could get high-vis jackets with school logo?</p>	<p>RC to explore postage options with Different Class – query dropping at school in one delivery as cheaper</p> <p>Decision made: School jumper & PE hoodie (green) to have logo on. Rest of uniform can have logo or be without logo.</p> <p>RC to look into getting high-vis with logo</p>
<p>5. Parental engagement School moved the time of the Parents' Forum meeting until 7.30pm having been at 6.30pm last time. Still only 6 parents in attendance this evening (although doubled since the last meeting). Liv King waited after school for any parents to see her regarding Relationships Education resources: no parents came to this. Very few parents came to the Book Look around Parents' Evening (on average between 7-10 parents per class). How can we engage more parents? Thoughts: Problems logging in to book; can see things already on Seesaw</p>	<p>RC to send push notifications to parents about key events (with direct link)</p>

<p>Clubs overlapping the nights at school –too many on club nights (Mon and Tues) and too much time waiting for child after club after Book Look Parents missing key information – reading letter but not absorbing it – could there be a reminder email? Others agreed that the reminder email would help and a direct link added would also be useful. RC: Book Look nights were the best days for staff to supervise the events. RC: feedback about newsletter – are they easy to read? Could they layout be improved? Thoughts were: colours for certain sections; short and sharp bullet points; Facebook page for the school as reminders RC: we made a decision not to have a school Facebook page (advice from the Local Authority as we would have been responsible for the posts) Suggestion for Summer term? Open afternoons? Book Look at a later time? Cancellation of clubs? There were no suggestions on these points.</p>	<p>Parents' Facebook pages to help to push events and send links to reminders</p>
<p>6. AOB Pen licences Current policy = joined, consistently sized handwriting and consistent neatness in books. RC and VM have been looking at research around pen licences. Findings are: they don't encourage good handwriting, they can lead to competitiveness, they do not work for children with fine motor skill problems, children went backwards having been awarded a licence. Thoughts from parents: Can cause children stress when they don't receive it Perhaps there should be choice from Year 5 or all children to receive it on the basis of transition to senior schools There is too much competitiveness which can lead to stress It depends on the child – it can motivate children to do better It may be good for some children's self-esteem – they may have handwriting as a talent</p>	<p>RC and VM to discuss future of pen licences.</p> <p>Approach to be consistent across school and communicated with parents.</p> <p>Decision to be made by Friday 25th March.</p>
<p>8. Date and time of next meeting 7.30pm on a Monday</p>	