



Ocean Academy Poole
an Aspirations Academy

Community Forum

22nd November 2021 at 1.15pm

The Ocean Community Forum is a partnership between parents, the local community and Ocean Academy. It is a valuable way to share ideas and for us all to work together to improve the opportunities provided for our children.

The Ocean Community Forum is open to all stakeholders within the Ocean community and we welcome you to join us.

Our first agenda will include:

- ◆ How do we widen our reputation across the community?
 - ◆ Parents as volunteers
- ◆ Parents as experts—sharing skill sets or professional career opportunities
 - ◆ Parent communication
- ◆ AOB





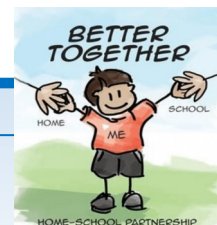
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How do we widen our reputation across the community?

Advertise for Parent Ambassadors to share their positive experiences with parents in our local infant schools.

Advertise the positive—look at what we have achieved in 5 years

Parents as volunteers—what do parents want to be involved in?

All agreed that parents who can support in school on a regular basis would welcome this opportunity again post Covid, but what worked really well was being invited in on 'one off' days to support with DT, art etc. This gave much more flexibility.

Parents as experts—sharing skill sets or professional career opportunities

Parents would welcome this opportunity and would be willing to come into school to share professional expertise. Ask parents to sign up!

Parent communication—what works?

Emails, The Splash, Quick responses from staff when parents contact the Academy, access to staff on the gate each morning and afternoon. Parent Overviews are a great source of information—particularly with the links to further resources.

Marvellous Me tends to be very generic and not overly helpful. Inconsistent use by teachers. Too many texts about hot dinners!

Actions:

Advertise for Parent Ambassadors—Parents being leaders in promoting the Academy!

Advertise the positives

Ask parents to sign up to hold professional workshops/talks

Reduce number of hot meal texts and discuss with staff, the consistent use of Mme and what the purpose is

Let parents know what the CPTA are raising money for / communication

Thank you to those parents and carers who joined the meeting today—it was a really informative and productive meeting. Please look out for our next meeting in the spring term 2022.