

9th June 2025 Community Forum Minutes

2:45pm Welcome and introductions

Present: Martin West (Vice Principal)
4 parents

Actions from Previous Meeting

Discos - Martin will be liaising with the CPTA about event days so that clubs can be cancelled but, ideally, on a day where parents are not paying for clubs as parents would like discos/film nights etc to start straight after school

Children desperate to get on Y5/6 field - a parent requested that the Y5/6 field is opened. This has been actioned.

Agenda

Ideas for what to focus on next year :

Parent 1 - CPTA could have some cheaper events run by parents e.g. swapping the ice cream van for cheaper ice pops - lower costs so lower prices to parents - year group teams and events - smaller queues - PTA volunteers and sign up sheets.

Parent 2 - Teaching children more about resilience and self worth. Especially around Y5 and 6 transitions. MW explained what we currently do and how older children can mask it but will review this with SLT.

Parent 3- The school seems to see the whole child. I like that a lot. Topsy Turvy playtime idea is great. MW explained the current trial of Y6 and 4 and ideas for next year - back to classes for September to bond, but possible Summer plan to return to groupings or topsy turvy.

Parent 4 - Lots of girl's skirts are short - important to challenge for secondary. MW explained it is not uniform and we are working with those children and parents. Parent 1 explained a similar situation in Lytchett. MW explained policy and PSHE curriculum. MW said the uniform policy is being reviewed for next year and expectations around the length of skirts will be proposed.

Parent 3- PE teaching question - It went from 2 slots to just 1. MW explained the system of doing PE for a whole afternoon versus 2 split lessons across the week. Explained the rotation system during the PE afternoon. The group agreed with the positive points to our way of doing it. The parent didn't know it was 2 hours coverage in the 1 session so was happy that it was clarified.

Parent 1- Bikeability would be good - MW explained this year's situation of them only offering to do it in core teaching time, and we must prioritise the learning, but that we hope they will be back next year.

Parent 3- Swimming letter question- the wording for money - MW explained KS2 expectations on schools, however to be able to fund high quality lessons for the whole cohort we do ask for donations.

Parent 4 - School dinners - still not quite there quality and portion wise. Lack of range of desserts. Choices very beige - vegetarian - cheesy pasta on there too much and not popular. MW shared positives in the last few months and will feed back these concerns.

Ideas for events that will promote children being active citizens in their local areas for next year -

None

AOB:

Parent 3 asked about the Acting principal role - said lots of parents concerned about the amount change recently. Will it be made permanent? MW explained next year's role and that any changes will be communicated as soon as possible and any changes would be made for the best of the academy.

Parent 3 asked who will teach PE then? MW assured he would be handing over to staff that can keep PE at a high level.

Parent 2 asked about the Mermaid tail project - what happens next? MW explained we will display the tail in

school.

Parent 3 stated some parents are too slow in the carpark in the mornings but accepted they didn't know how to tackle it and know it's been a long term issue e.g. parents not pulling up properly. MW explained Mr Chamberlain new signs might help. We keep looking to add tweaks to improve the system year on year. MW talked about the system in Y3 parents information evening as a proactive measure to aid the new parents in September.

3:20 The meeting finished.