Parent Forum – Minutes 18th September 2019

**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.**

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| **Attended by: A. Waterman, Jo Carter, Amelia Avery, Emily Stone, Annie Martin, Emma Benjamin, Caroline Drew** | | |
| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Outcome / Action** |
| School Development Plan | AW ran through the School Development Plan poster for 2019/20. This can be viewed on the school’s website under Statutory Information, School Improvement. | Talked about the key improvements for the school.  Parents are aware of what the MAT (Multi-Academy Trust) and school is focussing on for further improve-ment |
| Home Learning Draft plan | Discussion around Home Learning and how it is difficult to please everyone. A draft plan was shared with reading being essential and other homework activities being parental preference/choice. | There were a few suggestions that AW will feed back and discuss with staff before the final plan is sent home.  Staff to resend Timetable Rockstars logins |
| Swimming | A number of parents suggested that swimming lessons at school are not good use of time or value for money. The travel time is long and the walk from the bus at 3.15pm is dangerous as parents are doing the school run.  Suggestion that from 2020, swimming only takes place for KS2 children who cannot swim 25 metres (as is National Curriculum requirement). Suggested school sends out a letter and parents should confirm if their child can swim or not. | AW to explore further with staff and feedback. This term, only Class 2 and Class 4 will swim due to costing and numbers. |
| Parking | Parking and speeding were discussed. Last year a parent had involved Councillor Nick Way and Highways but had been unable to change the speed limit. Parents talked about having hedges cut to increase visability. | AW to put in newsletter re speeding and driving carefully. AW to remind parents they may drop and go at 8.30am. |
| Reading | Discussion around reading. AW and JC explained that Accelerated Reader is currently being set up and will be used by children from Y2 upwards. | AW to remind all staff to check children have a reading book |
| PE | Parent asked whether classes and teachers could work together to raise the profile and skill sets to teach PE.  AW explained VG is leading PE across both schools. | AW to make suggestions to staff. |
| DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020 AT 9.00am | | |