**Parents Forum Meeting Minutes 25.05.2022**

Agenda

1. School Structure – 2022 – 2023
2. Academy Head’s Appointment
3. SENCO role
4. We discussed the school’s structure for the next academic year:
* Pre-school (25+ children)
* Reception (11 children)
* Years 1 & 2 (17 children)
* Years 3 & 4 (30 children)
* Year 5 & 6 (24 children)

Regarding the class structure, it was asked if Year 2 would be staying together as previously the class had been too large, and in the next academic year the class will be joined with the current Year 3. As the year group will be in Key Stage 2 the class sizes are different to Key Stage 1. The children in Reception will continue to work closely with the Pre-school children.

We have designed a new rolling programme in school which builds on the skills the children have learnt and this will be embedded across the school going forward.

As yet, we do not know the staffing structure for the next academic year, as teachers can hand in their notice until half term. After the half term break, we will then look at the staffing across the school, the teaching staff, HLTAs and TAs. Once this has been decided, parents will be informed.

It was asked what was happening with the development of the school as pupil numbers have grown. When we joined the Link there was mention of a new building. Structural engineers have been out to visit the school site, and it looks to be more effective to build a new school rather than repair it. Detailed bids have been put toward by the Link for a new build, so we will wait to hear how they progress. It was suggested that the Link could talk to the Dartmoor MAT about bids as they are putting bids together.

Pupil funding in school was discussed and how the lump sum for the school is made up. We have also received in school money from the ‘new builds’ in the village. This money will be spent on items with the biggest impact for the children. We are hoping to receive more income from another developer in the village when their houses are built.

1. We discussed Mrs. Gillon leaving the Academy Head role at Yeoford Primary School and Mr. Scott being appointed Executive Academy Head over both schools. There will be Senior Teachers in each school.

Parents wanted to know who covers the Senior Teachers when they are out of their classrooms, as in the past HLTAs or TAs have taken over from them. This has happened previously, and parents wanted to know who covers the HLTA/TA when they have been removed from their classes. We have three HLTAs in school and a number of TAs, so Senior Teacher time will be timetabled in advance.

1. The school SENCO role was discussed. Mr. Scott is currently the SENCO for Cheriton Bishop and Mrs. Gillon is the SENCO for Yeoford Primary School. From the Autumn Term a SENCO will be appointed to work in both schools one day a week to carry out the SENCO role. Again, parents will be kept informed of the staffing structure.