



## Parent Forum

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

	Comments	Actions
What is working well in school currently?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children have settled in really well to the new building.</li> <li>Staff have worked hard to make the move as smooth as possible for the children.</li> <li>EYFS children have settled in really well. It's nice that the children have time together outside in Nur/Rec.</li> <li>Planned Stay and Play sessions for Nur/Rec are great.</li> <li>Visibility of staff on doors and gates has been really helpful as parents have become familiar with the new site.</li> </ul>	
How is communication between home and school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text reminders are great.</li> <li>Like the weekly newsletters.</li> <li>List of diary dates for the year is great and allows parents to plan for time off work or to work from home on the day of events.</li> <li>Sometimes messages aren't being passed on by staff that parents talk to on the doors and gates. Teachers aren't then aware of these messages when asked later in the day.</li> <li>Some parents aren't receiving emails from the school, or are only sometimes receiving information.</li> <li>Messages for places in clubs come home but don't say which child has got the place. This is confusing if parents have more than one child in school.</li> <li>Texts need to be streamlined. Sometimes messages come at short notice or are not always clear.</li> <li>Some parents would like to have a list of staff email addresses as these are not on the school web site.</li> </ul>	<p>KR to feedback this back to staff.</p> <p>KR asked parents to speak to the office.</p> <p>This can be rectified in the future.</p> <p>KR will monitor.</p> <p>KR will include in the next newsletter.</p>
What could be improved in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues with the width of the woodland path were raised and how it is not wide enough for two-way traffic. Could arrows be put on the path to remind parents to keep left? KR explained how they did raise this with SCC at the beginning of September but that they believe the path is wide enough and will not consider widening it as part of the project. KR and Governors are considering alternative funding sources to widen the path or to add in another path and implement a one-way system in and out of the school grounds.</li> </ul>	Ongoing – KR to continue to explore options with Governors and feedback to parents



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking, especially in Dartmouth Street, is a concern. Options for a possible walking bus were discussed and parents were asked to consider potential drop off points locally. The car park on Fairway that belongs to SCC or Entrust was also raised as an option to alleviate some of the parking issues. KR explained that she had already spoken to SCC about this and to SCC's Active Travel Team who had visited the site in early September to look at the issues with parking.</li> <li>• Current Y1 parents did not have uniform lists in their induction packs when their children started in EYFS. Current EYFS parents confirmed that they had received them in the Summer in their packs. KR directed Y1 parents to the web site for the uniform information.</li> <li>• Y1 parents raised concerns about recent information in the newsletter about healthy snacks. This has not been communicated in previous year groups. KR explained that this is part of the Healthy Schools agenda and that snacks should where possible be healthy.</li> <li>• Parents asked if teachers could speak to parents directly about snacks if there was an issue with what was being sent in, rather than talking to the child as this had caused some anxiety.</li> <li>• Some parents had received a letter to review care plans but had not been asked to do this in previous year groups. KR explained that she did not know what had been the case in the past but that moving forwards, they would be reviewed at least every 12 months.</li> <li>• EYFS outdoor area. An idea was suggested to have waterproof coats or puddle suits donated to the school for use in bad weather.</li> <li>• Parents would like to visit the new site as soon as possible. Will they be able to visit the classrooms at parents evening in November? KR explained that the parents evening appointments will take place in classrooms.</li> </ul>	<p>KR to continue to work with SCC's Active Travel Team to look at solutions for parking and traffic.</p> <p>EYFS staff to ensure these are sent out with the packs</p> <p>Continue to include reminders and include in Meet the Teacher future sessions.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>KR to speak to EYFS staff.</p>
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents thanked school staff for the hard work that had gone into the school move and making the transition as seamless as possible for the children.</li> </ul>	