

## Parent Forum: Meeting 3

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 22

2.00pm

Those present:	
Andrew Smith (Great Heath Academy)	Bunmi Akindji
Shantel Jenkins	Sarah Elutilo
Grace Ciantar-Hayne	Jessica Bland
Jade Latham	Caroline Lichten

Discussion items:		
1	Feedback from recent parent survey	<p>As went through the recent Parent Survey results. These were handed out to parents at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff and parents are all keen to continue with children coming in to school in PE kit on PE days.</li><li>• Opinion was mixed on sandwiches being available as a lunch choice. Some parents were in favour, some not so keen. AS explained that all lunch choices are made by the outside catering company, and that school has limited influence.</li><li>• We also discussed the amount of time that children have to eat lunch. Children have 30 minutes in the dining hall, and 30 minutes playtime. Some children do not finish their lunch, but this is due to spending time talking to friends rather than eating. All at the meeting agreed that 30 minutes was sufficient time to eat a school lunch.</li><li>• Supervision at lunchtime was queried. AS confirmed that there are at least 2/3 staff supervising a year-group on the field at lunchtime, sometimes more. The school has re-timetabled support staff to supplement MDSAs so that there is always sufficient staffing at lunchtime.</li><li>• Parents queries children having 2 reading books, one Accelerated Reader and one “free reader”. Some classes have been doing this, but others haven’t. AS will speak to staff to ensure that children all get an appropriate range of books that they enjoy as well as being educational.</li><li>• There were queries about finding out about lessons, topic etc. AS explained that all year-groups should be sending home a half –termly newsletter. AS will check with staff for the start of next half-term.</li><li>• The PTA was discussed and how more parents needed to be active. It as questioned whether the Parent Forum and PTA could be linked. AS to speak to representatives from the PTA.</li><li>• Clubs. One comment within the survey was about clubs. AS explained that clubs are offered by TAs and with many currently working over and above their expected roles (due to covering absent colleagues during Covid) staff are less willing to offer their time to run a club. This comment also mentioned children not being allowed to use the play equipment. AS confirmed that both of the new trim trails and the older metal equipment is in use daily. The only piece of equipment out of use is the slide as it has been identified as unusable until it is repaired.</li><li>• Dog mess. The alley alongside the playground sometimes has dog mess. It was suggested that school puts up signs to encourage owners to pick up after their dog. It was then suggested that we ask children to design the signs. <b>AS will action this.</b></li></ul>

		<b>The full survey feedback will be shared with school staff so that they can action anything that is their responsibility.</b>
<b>2</b>	School uniform	<p>AS explained that we are now ready to move supply of uniform to the new provider Corporate Tiger. This was held up due to an existing contract with the previous supplier. This has now been resolved.</p> <p>We then discussed the uniform. School is writing a new uniform policy and sought opinions from parents. Parents are in favour of uniform and most were in favour of collared shirts and ties. Parents of younger children were in favour of polo shirt and no ties. This will be fed back to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Parents were in favour of a policy that specified what was acceptable in terms of uniform, hair, jewellery, makeup etc.</p>
<b>3</b>	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents requested homework that reinforced learning from school. Times Table Rockstars</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Lexia</li> <li>• Reading</li> </ul> <p>Parents also were in favour of a half termly research project, rather than weekly activities. It was queried whether homework could be set and submitted online. <b>AS to look into this with staff.</b></p>
<b>4</b>	Any other business	None

*Notes made by Andrew Smith*