

## Parent Forum: Meeting 5

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

2.00pm

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

Discussion items:		
1	Reading at home	<p>We discussed how and when children read at school and the different ways that teachers encourage reading across lessons. We discussed ways of promoting reading at home and the importance of parents and children reading together. Parents asked about whether reading diaries could record school books read at home or whether home books could be included within the reading diaries. <b>AS to check and clarify this at the next meeting.</b></p> <p>Parents commented that it was sometimes difficult to find the time to engage with hearing their children read and suggested setting a programme of 5 minutes per day. Parents asked about volunteering to come in to hear readers, as well as making contact with local businesses to set up a programme where their employees come in to hear readers. <b>AS to speak to the English Subject Leader to investigate how this could work.</b></p>
2	After school clubs	<p>Parents discussed the clubs that they would be interested to see run at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computing, Coding, Music, Arts &amp; crafts, Drama, Sports clubs, Gymnastics, Dance, Cooking.</li></ul> <p>School will be planning clubs for the autumn term and speaking to staff to find out who could run clubs. Parents are happy with the cost of clubs.</p>
3	School reports	<p>Parents were shown the details of the upcoming school reports and found the layout to be clear and informative. Parents asked about finding out SATs information. AS explained that this would normally be shared further in advance and that next year we would make sure that SATs info was shared well before the date of the assessments.</p>
4	Ideas for improving GHA	<p>We discussed ways in which we could enhance the school for parents/pupils. Parents asked that we look into a summer fete, a Xmas fair and a reading club with parents/children. <b>AS to feed back the fete/fair ideas to the PTA and the reading club to the new Family Support Worker when appointed.</b></p>
4	Any other business	<p>Parents requested info from the PTA on upcoming events, including the disco. It was suggested that the upcoming newsletters be used to inform parents of the disco. Parents also suggested asking for fete contributions in the newsletter. AS is sending a newsletter out after half term so will do this.</p> <p>Parents asked about school security at the front door. AS explained that the front doors are to be replaced with new doors over the summer holidays. Also over the summer, the carpark will be resurfaced, as already discussed.</p>

Notes made by Andrew Smith