



Barley Lane Primary School

Parent Forum Minutes

4th May 2022 (5pm, Zoom)

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In attendance

Staff: Mr Henry (Headteacher), Mrs Knight (Deputy Headteacher)

Parents: 25 parents attended

Notes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and Actions from the previous meeting</p> <p>Mr Henry thanked parents coming and noted that three agenda items had been suggested by parents in advance of the meeting. He updated parents on previous actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Stage 1 Toilets: we have been monitoring and visiting these regularly, it has been mentioned in assemblies and will be a Friday Focus on 13th May and the week of 16th May. Regular spot-checks by site staff and a clean after lunch each day also. Some children continue to use toilets incorrectly, misuse toilet paper or neglect to flush. A ongoing project. - Parent Engagement: We have had no suggestions regarding engagement since last forum meeting, see agenda item below - Curriculum Diversity Working Party: Summer term meeting took place in April, turnout was poor. A parent suggested we move the next meeting to 5pm - Year 2: We spoke to parents during their online curriculum meeting last week about SATs expectations, see agenda item below 	<p>School to continue our work on toilet use awareness</p> <p>School to consider an afternoon Curriculum Diversity meeting instead of morning in the autumn term</p>
<p>2. School Meals: New Menus</p> <p>A parent submitted a request that parents are more involved with school meals in terms of new menus and knowing what the quality of food is. Our catering company is Pabulum and they will be in place next year also. The school has already consulted with Pabulum about increasing parental involvement and discussion about taster events, new menu tasters and participation in wider school events is on our agenda this month. A parent raised concern about portion sizes and Mr Henry explained that they have not been an issue this academic year, but have been in the past. This is monitored currently but we will continue to monitor and feedback to Pabulum.</p>	<p>School to confirm parental engagement options with Pabulum during our meeting later this month</p> <p>School to work with Pabulum on new menu from September to ensure that it meets the needs of our community</p>
<p>3. School Educational Visits</p> <p>A parent submitted a request that Year 1 consider an alternative to the Southend Trip which could not go ahead due to cost, as these children missed out on their zoo trip last year. Mr Henry explained that the trip did not go ahead due to cost (coach alone cost £1700) but alternatives were being discussed, including RE church trip and another local trip.</p>	<p>School to consider parent suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - London Museums - Scout Centre Day Trips activities - Aleksander Park Discovery Centre Stratford

<p>Mrs Knight spoke about the rising cost of trips and our concern about the current Y6 residential numbers and the expressions of interest from this current Y5 cohort to our survey. Less than a quarter of children are attending the residential in June. The costs are extremely expensive and we are considering future residential.</p> <p>Parents suggested a number of options for local trips which we can consider now that covid restrictions have been lifted</p>	<p>Hainault Forest</p>
<p>4. KS1 SATs / Homework</p> <p>A parent submitted a suggestion that Year 2 homework should include KS1 Sats-style questions. Mr Henry explained that Y2 homework on Purple mash has included arithmetic and reasoning-style questions, often from White Rose hub. Reading Comprehensions are also set for homework. Reading, arithmetic and reasoning past papers that children have been completed in school have been sent home for parents to go through with their children.</p> <p>A parent asked if we could return to paper-based homework to reduce screen time. The school currently uploads homework tasks to Purple Mash, but children must complete them in their paper homework books. We try to reduce paper use and will continue with Purple Mash for the time being but review again in the next year</p>	<p>School to consider further SATs style questions in the next academic year, in addition to CGP books</p> <p>School to regularly review homework policy</p>
<p>5. School Travel Plan</p> <p>Mr Henry asked parents/carers to build on our work at school and to speak to their children about the benefits of active travel to their health and wellbeing. Parents were asked to discuss how they get to school in the most safe and sustainable way. One parent asked for some more bike and scooter shelters.</p>	<p>School to consider more bike and scooter shelters to encourage safe travel</p>
<p>6. Safety</p> <p>Mr Henry asked for feedback on how previous concerns about traffic on Barley Lane has improved? He asked parents/carers who travel with their children to identify any further issues they encounter. One parent has contacted the local council about access and the bus stop being moved but has not received a response.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>School to continue with its work on travel plan and consult parents on road safety</p>
<p>7. Parent Events and Engagement</p> <p>At the last meeting, parents were asked for suggestions as to how to increase parental involvement in the school. Attendance at our coffee mornings has been low in recent months and only one parent turned up to our Curriculum Diversity Working Party last month. Average attendance at our summer curriculum parent evenings has ranged from 12 to 40 parents for different year groups which has been better than previous terms. We vary the times and format of meetings, from mornings to evenings, face-to-face to zoom.</p>	<p>School to send further details of the Jubilee</p>

<p>Mr Henry asked parents to support us with our Jubilee celebrations on 10th June with a family picnic from 2:15. The school will be supporting the local community by decorating the fence in advance of half term so that those having street celebrations on Huxley will benefit.</p>	<p>family picnic to parents by next week.</p>
<p>8. AOB Some questions from parents: Tuition: question about providing after school tuition. Mr Henry explained that LA maintained schools tend not to hold external tuition sessions on site after school; we currently provide Lexia sessions to some pupils STEM sessions: a parent asked about some STEM sessions. Playground Pick-up: a parent asked about dismissing children from classroom doors to avoid congestion in the playground. Mr Henry explained that we release children from classroom where possible in KS1 and Early Years, but not many classrooms in Year 2 and Key Stage 2 have external doors. There could be safeguarding considerations for release from some of these with parents crossing over, but we will review.</p>	<p>Mr Henry to pass STEM session suggestion to our science leader.</p>
<p>9. Time and Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 29th June 9:15 in the Junior Hall</p>	