



Parent Forum

Minutes for the meeting held on
 Monday 9th June @ 5.30pm

Present:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Leadership
Jen Parker Lauren Hilton	Claire Lawton	Pip Williams					Suzy Wright Kim Parry

Item	Information	Actions
1	Welcome	
	Apologies from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Dance • Diane Anning • Sam Cross • Anne-Marie Jenrich • Gary Lucas 	
2	Update on:	
2a	Actions arising from the last meeting	■ Action completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any parent reps who haven't shared their photos / bio for the website to do so asap. - awaiting some photos- all sent photos and bios on the website • Promote cycling / scooting as this is limited as a mode of transport. - to be done this half term • School will be exploring a guided walk from the park and stride. -awaiting confirmation from Luke Hughes (HCC) • Another parent travel survey will be carried out this half term. – link emailed to parents 05.06.2025 • Park and stride information to be added to welcome pack for new parents. • Email about t-shirts to be re-sent. • Current communication to be explored regarding clubs and how this can be adapted to ensure all information is shared. - in discussion with the office for the best way to share the information • School will feedback to the suppliers that their paint is not washable and we will change supplier. • School staff will be reminded that children must wear aprons when painting. • An email has been sent to the area manager for Dolce raising the concerns shared by parents. School is awaiting a response on this. • Dolce have been asked to arrange a parent meeting to meet the Dolce team and taste some of the food etc.- awaiting confirmation from Dolce 	
2b	Travel Planning	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke Hughes has sent the survey off to our team put together the online forms. We had a delay as 	



	<p>new guidance came through in regard to Data Protection and the team working on blocking the verges would like us not to specifically name or describe the works planned as they are still waiting on a confirmed final date, but I've put together some more generic introduction information that will hopefully still serve the purpose. Once the survey has been made in the online form, I'll send it over for you to review the questions.</p>	
3	Views on:	
3a	School Drawstring bags- is this a viable option from September	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent reps feel that unless they were personalized it would be really hard for children to identify their bag. • There would be a cost implication for parents. • Safety of things in the bag would be an issue e.g., bottle / books would get damaged as the drawstring bags provide no protection. • Dangerous – children trip on them the drawstrings and fall over. • Most parent reps felt that a small rucksack remains the best option. 	
3b	Uniform- developing a step-by-step guide for parents to be aware of the process when a child consistently does not wear school uniform	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent reps shared the knock-on effect on others when children don't wear the correct uniform. It causes other children to question and argue against wearing uniform. • It is felt that there are more children not following expectations on uniform for PE and Forest School than the daily uniform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE uniform and forest school uniform needs highlighting and raising in expectation. • Should birthday non uniform day continue?
3c	Communication ideas for sharing information to the CT at the start of the day	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a way to add messages to Arbor? • Possible communication book was discussed, but parent reps felt that this would be a lot of work and most parents don't have time to write in a book in the morning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School to explore whether Arbor can be used for parents to communicate small messages.
4	Discussion on:	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dojo's policy and procedures need exploring to ensure consistency and fairness across the school – all classes should be doing the same rewards etc. Some children aren't getting certificates. Year R were doing 100 points dress down – now it's a toy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •



	<p>into show and tell – parents are worried about this being kept safe and about consistent messages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onsite parking policy – has this been drafted? There was discussion of a three strikes policy. More traffic in car park on a Friday pm – is this due to parents parking in there for assemblies?• Too many apps – any plans to merge any?• Transition – explain to parents why we tell children where they will be when we do.• Consistency in communication house treats – can these be put in the school calendar and messaged. If children are told – please tell parents.• A lot of dress down days – can this be explored?• Owlets – can they have more notice? It can be hard at short notice to arrange with work.• Sports day – great that date came out early, but am / pm has only just been given. This had an impact on working parents.• Notice period on transition information for new Year R - no information given yet. Home visits – time off needed so notice period needed.• Link to the Year R Facebook group has not been displayed at any events. Laminated barcodes – where are they? They haven't been put up. Could they go in the tea bag, chocolate bar on the first day?• Year 1 – daughter has only had 3 books in 3 months. Could we put a blurb to go in the front on the reading diaries to highlight reading procedures and expectations?• Could we put newsletter on social media page to promote it?• Golden table – what is it and how is it used?• There was an email that stated that all messages would come through arbor – sports day came through general email?• Lost property – can it be stored somewhere more accessible? Could it be split into KS1 and 2 to aid searching through it?• Volunteering – some parents are keen to support the school with tidy up / painting etc. – Could there be a working party? Explore simply health / Stannah/ military supporting.	
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