



Parent Forum

Minutes Date: 24th May 2016



Review of minutes from previous meeting – approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- Book Exchange update – furniture has been purchased for the foyer which will have a section for parent books to swap and a section for children to swap. We look forward to collecting books for this and will explain further in the final summer term,
- Update of SRE policy – Mrs Gethin updated parents on the changes made ready to present to the curriculum and standards committee in the autumn term.
- E-Safety slot on newsletter – parents agreed that the provision of regular information to parents regarding internet safety was a good idea and that this dovetailed with the CSE (Child sexual exploitation) discussions later in the meeting.
- Mrs Gethin spoke with ENTRUST who provide the meals service regarding ‘throw away Friday’ and the quality of the meals. Mrs Gethin also allayed myths by outlining that all meals were cooked on site and that nothing was brought in, all meals are cooked from scratch meals. Despite this though, the school are considering their next financial year April 17/18 to review the service provider for lunchtime provision.
- School has purchased a camera and screen so that the children can view the meals on offer in order to see properly.
- Update on communication with ENTRUST meals and the school hatch

Main items:

- We discussed the updated Sex and Relationships (SRE) policy and that it will be reviewed by the curriculum and standards committee in the autumn.
- We discussed the teaching of child sexual exploitation and the possible materials to enable children to understand this uncomfortable but important topic at an appropriate level. We intend to send out this information to parents and to notify them when we will be discussing this with our year 5 and 6 children so that parents are involved <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGEgn767XAk>
- Parent questionnaires – we discussed the relatively small turn out of returns 24 returns / 32% and will discuss this in the autumn term when crunching and analysis has been completed. They were overwhelmingly positive.

AOB:

- Parents asked if families could prepay in advance for dinners and pre book meals chosen. Sadly this is not a service we can offer as the administration time and cost for this would be tremendous. Additionally, children would need to remember what was ordered for them and sometimes they struggle with sandwiches or dinners. Finally, what we book long in advance we might not fancy – if we think back to Christmas meals we’ve booked out only to find we can’t remember what we had ordered and wanted what our neighbour was having! We appreciate your understanding in this matter.
- Whilst some parents of Needwood have a closed Facebook group we respectfully ask that you address any concerns that you have about school with school. We are unable to see this group and therefore any concerns placed there cannot be resolved unless we are spoken with. Wouldn’t it be lovely if the group was used for hints and tips, questions about events, parties, offers of car sharing, what to take to school etc. and positive comments. Photos shouldn’t be used without other parents’ consent and we strongly advise that children’s names are not put on the group. Please don’t forget the concerns around civil law and libel considerations – we’ve put some further information on the ‘be smart on the internet’ slot on the newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: 28th September 2.30pm.