



Dates for Forum

meetings this year

Term 1—Monday 16th September
2023 9.00am

Term 2—Monday 11th November
2.30pm

Term 3—Monday 20th January
9.00am

Term 4—Monday 10th March 2.30pm

Term 6—Monday 9th June
9.00am

Dates and times may be subject to change or cancellation if the need arises. You will be informed by text messages if dates change or meetings are cancelled.



Parent's Forum 2024-2025

**An introduction
to Parents' Forum
at
Forest & Sandridge
Primary School**



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What is Parent's Forum?

Parent's Forum was set up many years ago to give parents an opportunity to meet with the Principal in order to keep in touch with life at school. It remains useful and relevant which is why it is still going now!

The objectives of the meetings are to:

- Chat informally with Mr James and other parents in a relaxed environment
- Hear about new developments and initiatives happening in school
- Share your views about the good things happening at school
- Air your views about things that you think could be improved or become priority areas for development ~ these should be whole school issues rather than individual ones
- Enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit!

There does not need to be something that you wish to raise or discuss for you to attend the meetings.

If there is something in particular you would like to discuss, please let Mr James know in advance if possible and it will be added to the agenda.

Pre-school children

We understand that it may be difficult to find child care for meetings such as Parents' Forum. The meetings are very informal and, as such, you are very welcome to bring your pre-school aged children along with you. They can also have a drink and a biscuit and there will be a box of toys available for them to play with so they don't get bored!



What Parent's Forum is... **NOT!**

Parent's Forum is intended to be a positive and informative experience for all involved! There is nothing worse than leaving a meeting which has been full of gripes and groans!

Therefore, it is important to emphasise that Forum is **NOT** for:

- Airing personal or individual complaints or grievances
- Naming individuals that you may be unhappy with
- Being negative or presenting your concerns in a negative or pessimistic way

As already stated, parents are welcome to raise whole school problems but we ask that you do this in a constructive and helpful manner so that they can be openly talked about and solutions can be discussed.

You are, of course, welcome to raise more personal or individual concerns or complaints with Mr James on a one-to-one basis. Please make an appointment with him if you wish to.

Times of Meetings

Forum is usually held on a Monday once per a term. Meetings usually last approximately 45 minutes.



The times of meetings have varied over the past few years trying to find times that those who wish to attend can make. In order to try and suit everyone's needs meeting times will alternate month by month:

First month: 9.00 - 9.45am

Second month: 2.15pm - 3.00pm