

## Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Minutes

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Welcome to all Parents/Carers and thank you for attending.

Welcome to Suzie and Jade from MCH NHS

Benefits – Changes to the benefit system and what it can mean for you?

Leaflets were handed out along with information sheets about the current benefits that families are entitled to these can be obtained from the school if needed.

If a family were to apply for benefit today, they could wait up to 6 weeks before they get anything. Also changing over to the new benefit system from the old could also take up to 6 weeks with families having a gap in receiving money.

From now on it does not matter how many children a family has they will only be able to receive up to £20,000 per year.

Qualifying for income support has certain criteria such as pregnant, Lone parent etc.

Internet safety – It is hard for families to monitor what their children are accessing online. All parents should be aware that if they contact their internet provider they can put strict restrictions on their internet service giving parents/carers piece of mind at home as to what their children are watching etc. As a parent/carers you can also put a password on the internet from home making sure it is changed on a regular basis.

If you need any advice regarding internet safety, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

AOB – recommendations that coffee mornings are held midweek as opposed to Mondays due to reminders being issued.