

## Mary Howard- Parent Forum Minutes

**Date and time:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October- 2:45-3:30pm

**Attendees:**

Rachel Mills, Sarah Orgill

➤ Sue Keeley, Rachel Hobbs, Laura Raybould-

➤ Apologies- Lorna Taylor

### Agenda Items

TOPIC TO DISCUSS	MINUTES
<p>Register, Introductions, &amp; Terms of reference, Parent forum photos, information for website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM shared terms of reference with parents, any questions contact RM</li> <li>• Aiming for a meeting every half term</li> </ul>
<p>Vision, values and motto- Launch day and assembly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM shared reason behind new vision and values and The Parable of the Mustard Seed and “Grow and Flourish”</li> <li>• Values – Koinonia, Wisdom, Love and Perseverance, behaviour tree and restorative practice training for all staff</li> <li>• Football team and new kit for both schools as one</li> <li>• Launch day based at MH, SA to join. Church and Sarah Ennis Church Warden are also involved. We will start the day in Church. Immersion in vision and values</li> </ul>

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Home school agreement	<p>GB asked RM to create a home/school agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM asked parents to read and check the tone. Is anything missing? All feedback welcomed.</li> <li>• R Hobbs is it useful? Would it be better to talk to parents individually? Also, a waste of paper if parents do not take note.</li> <li>• S Keeley said that if standards slip, reminders could go into the newsletter. But there has been an improvement in expectations due to school adding it to the communication streams.</li> <li>• RM to go back to GB and say we will use the website and speak to parents 1:1</li> <li>• Goodbye newsletter in the Summer with reminders re uniform and colours for the next academic year. Reminders for other key issues</li> <li>• Home school agreement within Reception induction pack</li> </ul>
School Improvement priorities	<p>School Development Plan shared by RM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents could see improvements in school and in their children's learning and the website is a useful reference for parents to be informed about the curriculum.</li> <li>• Offered after school clubs at SA, limited uptake.</li> <li>• L Raybould suggested putting clubs on one site for both schools</li> <li>• Do all parents know to look at the website.</li> </ul>
Funding- Forest School (National Trust) Sports' kit (Ikon Fostering)	<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green sports kit sponsored by Ikon Fostering</li> <li>• Successful bid for £5000 for Forest School. Mr Buckley will train as Forest School Lead for MH.</li> </ul>
Parent voice: What's going well? Points to discuss from Parents viewpoint- (these can be added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive feedback re new headship. Head is a positive presence and is approachable</li> </ul>

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AOB:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering more after school clubs beyond care club</li> <li>• Food choices- issues, cakes and carbs- agreed that the prospect of the new MAT catering would be a positive move.</li> <li>• Parent input/taster session would be appreciated.</li> <li>• The new blogs are more interesting for parents get an insight into their child's learning in school- we will continue with those.</li> <li>• Parents are happy with communication and appreciate the importance of going paperless.</li> <li>• Class Dojo is being used effectively and is a useful point of reference. RM asked if there was too much on it, the Reps said that they found it useful.</li> <li>• Newsletters are really useful- especially the dates- adding dates as far forward as possible is useful.</li> </ul>

**Going forwards, Parent reps, please forward agenda items prior to the next meeting**

**Date of next meeting:** Proposed date Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:45