

Parent Carer Network Meeting - Wednesday 1 October 2025

Present – Chris Sykes, Gavin Rumsey, Julie Staunton, Rachel Long (Minute taker), Belan Omar, Clarisse Njua, Dirk Gorissen, Josie Love-Murelli, Kate Jackson, Melissa Baba, Paula English, Rachel Holloway, Sarah Lewis, Sarah Gradidge, Susan Leaver, Susan Lowrey, Charlotte Ndupuechi, Jo Craig

Apologies - Sonia Malhatra, Katie Prieto, Rachal Willet, Jo Desmond, Cherrie Bartlet, Malky Chaloner, Lou Fox, Helen?

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CSY welcomed everyone, thanking everyone for attending. It's great to see some familiar and new faces and he explained the purpose of the meeting is to set the scene for this year, do some introductions and oversight from Gavin about tonight. The purpose of this Network is - • Listen to parent views • Seek feedback about pressing issues from parents • Seek feedback for policy change etc • Provide opportunity to hear from external speakers – if parents feel this would be useful The purpose of today's meeting is to – • Talk about the Aims of the Parent Carer Network • Seek some website feedback GRU welcome to you all, we have changed the name to Parent Carer Network as we would like to expand the group as we move forwards, to be more inclusive. SEND parent Forum will be run separately, which NRU will run. If anyone is interested in getting involved, communications will come out soon. Last year there was a great deal of value from this group. There was a huge amount of input to the Uniform policy, which was really helpful around standards etc. The group also helped with redesigning our school reports, as the feedback suggested people found them confusing and we streamlined them much more. These are some tangible changes that we have worked with parents on to help improve the school experience and are grateful for your input. In this group we want to focus on the broader whole school picture. If you have specific questions about your child or a year group – we will signpost you to specific individuals to follow up. This evening - • Topics and areas of school life you think would be useful to have a discussion on. • Does it involve information from the leadership team? • Input or learning from external agencies? • Collation of ideas from parents?	

- School website – first look/what is useful from the existing site? What would you keep / What would you change / What do you use it for most?

Following time to discuss topics of interest for future meetings and website content/ideas the feedback from the groups is –

Discussion Points -

Homework

- Homework expectations and consistency in teachers

Comms & Tech

- Comms – uniform update and implementation/phasing e.g. for year 7
- Comms – GCSE Y10
- Text messages – English, inset day info this is positive
- Tests – when/why/is there a schedule?
- Google classroom – guidance on how to use, it always saves, tips, to do list clear notes, science (details), parents, login info
- Parent information booklet by year group (dates trips processes rewards, uniform, mobiles/headphones, equipment, social media, school day, homework, contact details, HOY, attendance, FAQ's
- Milestones as children go into a new year – college selection/open days, type of trips, expectations for the year

Behaviour

- Behaviour policy – comms
- Behaviour management and consistency – classroom disruption
- Consistency/policy enforcement of phone use

Learning & classroom logistics

- Attitude to learning / When done / Methods/ Introduce earlier – e.g. y9
- Sets/streaming info on which subjects
- Language options and English Baccalaureate
- Food tech – can we share ingredients
- Seating plan – 3-6 x a year, mixed

Exams

- Topics – time management for students – tips
- Revision techniques and student/parent info
- Expectations / Year 11 information about what they will be doing with mocks

Trips

- Trips and communication to students

Student Leadership

- Student leadership opportunities and comms to students

Post 16

- Colleges – wider range including vocational ones like Eastleigh - T Level/Diploma/City/Eastleigh, Fareham (one group) Brock college don't come into school?
- Opportunity to attend college open days – share these with parents, get offer out can we expand the list we share?

Staffing & Parental Participation

- Opportunity to participate or contribute to CV/interview workshops, give tables, work experience, leverage parents expertise and skills more
- Quality of supply staff

Catering

- School dinners – waiting times, plates, cost

SEND

- What is available from SEND/wellbeing/support and access criteria

External Speaker Ideas –

- how to encourage your kids? Not nag!
- How can we support our children?

Website Content Discussion -

- Teacher contact details as individual emails have been removed now perhaps take off the firstname.surname@ushschool.org and indicate people should contact info@ushschool.org and this will be directed to their tutor/HoY.
- Phone numbers and address
- Absence quick link to report – this does exist but perhaps needs highlighting to parents more?
- Parent Information year group booklet popular – it included homework schedule, topics being taught each term, trips planned, books in English, topics in science – emailed and on website.
- Year Group Sections – with information relevant to them?
- Current website is not dyslexic friendly or easy to navigate. Often requiring you to click 4/5 times to find a policy
- College open days - share these with parents, get offer out can we expand the list we share (T Level/Diploma/City/Eastleigh, Fareham (one group) Brock college don't come into school?
- Letter categories – not added last year?
- Bulletins uploaded too
- Search function – does it work?
- PTFA page – reinvigorate?
- Letters by year group i.e. for school trips etc
- Calendar – detailed info about events
- Quick Links – report children absence, term dates, inset dates
- When are exams?
- Top three reasons it is used – Dates, Contacts, Clubs