Parent Forum

24th February 2020

**6-8pm**

**Agenda Items / Minutes**

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|  | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| Last Meeting:  **Recent Successes**   * **Year 7 ‘Welcome to Waseley’** * **Open Evening** * **Community page on website - PACT**   **Rewards and Sanctions Rs and Ls**  **(5Rs)**  **Website and Facebook feedback**  **Go4Schools – logging on**  **ATL and Progress Grades**  **AOB**  **Consent forms**  **Cashless pay systems**  **Bikeability**  **Trips** | **Next Meeting 14th October**  October 14th – Years 7, 9, 11 and 12  December 2nd – Years 8,10 and 13  [**https://bikeability.org.uk/find-a-course/?la=worcestershire**](https://bikeability.org.uk/find-a-course/?la=worcestershire) | Modifications completed – some teething problems with homework L3.  Now an Instagram page coming – managed by student council.  Hoped new app will be more convenient.  Possible – linked to new app  Emailed Worcester Council for Level 4 training.  \*\* I have now received a response (25/2/20)  Mr Boot now in charge of trips across school. |
| **School Council – reducing single use plastic in our school.** | **Share pupil assembly**  Parents watched video and observed data on reusable cup use in school (by year). Also plan of action provided by School Council as delivered to whole school via assembly.  Instagram account for School Council ‘coming soon’. | Arrange for Pupil Council to attend next meeting to feedback on progress.  Share once security/use etc has been established and tested. |
| **Communication with home – change to apps and potential updates in the future.** | Considering <https://weduc.co.uk/>  Demo video:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvSMNZyI8oI&feature=youtu.be>  SIMS Learning Gateway App no longer in use (temporary gap in communication of detention notification and behaviour info).  Any other parental suggestions?  Parents shared ‘PARENT MAIL’ is being used in sibling’s schools – Mr Baker to share with SLT.  Key functions parents suggested:   * Calendar that syncs with google etc * Payment notifications for trip installations – has payment been accepted? * Email facility – single point of contact   Confirmation of attendance that pupils have been accepted on trips. | Please can parents notify Mr Baker of any additional needs they think of in the coming week? Email [nbaker@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:nbaker@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk).    Mr Baker to feedback to SLT.  Possibly arrange showcase for parents – for feedback. |
| **School Curriculum – update for parents.** | Curriculum Intent  KS3 – YR 7 and 8  YR 9 Bridging curriculum.  KS4 – YR 9 – 11  Parents shared concerns over pathways process. How pathways booklet was released day before pathways letter.  Parents shared understanding of issues with beginning GCSE in different year. Mr Baker shared the plan for current Year 8s to have one hour less in some subjects to accommodate a broader curriculum experience for pupils. Received positively. | Curriculum work so far shared. Time to add to website?  Mr Baker to share with Mr Nelson for future planning.  Information to be shared with Year 8 parents once planning is complete. |
| **AOB – Raised by parents attending** | **All staff Level 3 Autism Trained.**  **YR 8**  Skills Show 4th March – parents can attend on the evening if they wish.  Options Evening – Thursday 5th Match 6-8.  Taster Day – to be confirmed but this will be happening.  **Parents Evening**  YR 8 Parent flagged up concerns over pressure for parents evening slots.  Parents were very understanding of the challenges of parents evening and PEBs fault that occurred. Parents feel this is something that needs addressing – possible solution in the new app. Very important to parents to see pupils teachers.  Also the information available on Go4Schools is out of date (October) to inform subject selection.  *How does data info fit in with options process?*  **Go4Schoool Live Data**  All parents shared that Go4SChool Live data was not as available as they had imagined. Data was available to Sixth Form parents but they indicated this is a recent change. Can we feedback on plan for future roll out?  Asked for clarity.  **Promote Parent Forum**  Formalise or make less formal. Parents are enjoying meetings and think we should share the nature of meetings with other parents. Newsletter article suggested. Change wording on website etc. They feel parents are more likely to attend if the meeting is not formal, conversational and supportive etc.  Other suggestions – Letter explaining what parent forum is, email, advertise meetings more, informal – parents believe other parents may feel there is a huge commitment of time, expectation or formality which is not as inviting. They do not feel this is the reality and enjoy the meetings.  **Sixth Form Twitter**  Parent expressed positive use of twitter to communicate with Sixth Form pupils and parents.  **Next meeting**  June 15th 2020  Huge thanks to all those who attended ☺ | Mr Baker to share concerns with SLT.  Mr Baker to liaise with Ms Purewal – check and possibly review assessment/reporting schedule for YR8.  Follow up with Ms Purewal.  Mr Baker to amend website and ensure we report outcomes of Parent Forum in next newsletter.  Pass on to Mr Mitchel |

Close of meeting 8pm