**Parent Forum Meeting 6th May 2021**

Our Parent Forum Meeting took place on 6h May. Minutes from the meeting are noted below. The Agenda addressed the support during the COVID lockdown and touched on aspects from from the recent Parent Questionnaire. If you have any questions relating to the Parent Forum Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Harrington or Mrs Halligan by email.

**Item 1 Covid lockdown – how did we do? What could we have done better?**

Generally, the support provided in the lockdowns was deemed very good. Parents noted that it was good to receive emails and phone calls regularly and very positive comments made about the SENCO’s support. Google Classroom was at times challenging for some, parents stated that they were not always sure how to submit work, so this would be addressed if we have to lockdown again. Google Class meets online were really appreciated – keeping in touch with their friends was important to their children. Working with more than one child at home was a challenge and JH and NH noted how well parents had done in these unprecedented times. Some parents preferred the work packs to online learning.

**Item 2 Before Covid, parents were able to attend a variety of events for their children. Do you want to go back to these, and are there other things you would like to be able to come in to school for? Assemblies, activity days, performances, volunteering etc.**

Parents were happy for these activities to return. In addition, inviting parents to attend Celebration assemblies when their own children receive certificates was suggested for the next academic year, providing the Covid crisis is over. Parents expressed interest in volunteering in school again. Activity days were popular in the past, but we need to be careful to ensure year groups hold them on different days to make sure parents can attend for all their children.

**Item 3**

**Is the information you receive about your child’s learning informative enough/helpful? Website, homework, knowledge organisers, parents evenings...**

**How could we improve it*?***

Parents evening this year will be virtual or by phone. Parents felt it a shame that we are unable to share children’s work/books with the parents this time and look forward to when parents’ evenings are held in the usual way.

Parents were happy with the website and Knowledge Organisers. Parents commented on the homework in KS2, this is popular with parents as the way it is set enables children to choose from a range of activities and they do not feel too much pressure to complete all the points.

Parents also asked if after school homework clubs could be something considered for the future.

Parents stated that they need as much notice as possible for upcoming events, such as sharing assemblies and dress up days. A schedule of events would be helpful sent by Parent App/newsletter.

**Item 4**

**How can we help with your own learning, or with your ability to help your child with their work?**

We discussed delivering workshops for parents in the next academic year covering literacy and numeracy. Timings of workshops would be important so that working parents could attend. An alternative or addition to workshops could be to invite parents to visit the lessons in class, working alongside their children.

Big Local in conjunction with Stockport Homes are running courses for parents. School will get in touch to find out what courses they provide and if we can work them to support out parents.

**Item 5**

**Do you have any other suggestions about how we can support and work with you more effectively?**

The transition to new classes in September was noted as being particularly important this year, especially Reception to Year One, as Reception have had very little experience of the main school building.

Parents would like photographs and information about new classes put onto the website as last year. School noted a transition booklet might be produced to enable their children across school to be better prepared for their new classes.

The current arrangements for the collection of children at the end of the day are problematic for some parents, as they have to wait for long periods with the staggered finish times. School noted that in September we hope to return to normal start and finish times so this should not be a problem in the future.

**The following items will be discussed at the next Parent Forum Meeting:**

Transition arrangements

Structure of the school day moving forward

After school activities