

# Parent Forum Minutes – Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:15pm



These are the items that were discussed at our recent Parent Forum Meeting. Should you wish to comment on any of them, please send an email to [CherryTree.Primary.Head@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree.Primary.Head@sch.warrington.gov.uk) or to [gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com](mailto:gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com) alternatively, you can place your comments in an envelope and hand in at the front desk / our reception area.

**Present:** HG, GS, SL, SW, DA, VI, RB, GW, CP, TA

**Chairperson:** GS

**Apologies:** MZ

**Minutes recorded by:** Dictaphone/ Helen Graham

**Key:**

- D= Discussion;
- A = Action.

Any parent of pupils at Cherry Tree School is welcome to attend.

Maximum of 12 parents per meeting due to the space available in school. Places booked via ParentApp.

1	<b>Welcome</b>
D	HG welcomed everyone back to Parent Forum, addressing how pleased she was that it could return after a 2 year gap due to Coronavirus. GS asked for introductions.
A	None

2	<b>Introduction to the Parent Forum including protocols.</b>
D	An explanation/reminder that this meeting is for general school matters and not for any concerns or questions relating to individual children.
A	None

3	<b>Minutes of previous meetings (these can be found on our website, under the 'Parents' tab)</b>
D	It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting would not be reviewed due to the length of time since the last meeting.
A	None

4	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.</b>
D	N/A – See above
A	None

## New Agenda Items

1	<b>1. Parent Survey Results</b>
D	HG – The survey was completed in July and results were fed back to parents in October. Very positive feedback from parents; we were very pleased with the results. Main points from the survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower result regarding Qu' 11 about children knowing how to stay safe online- this is on the agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• 81% agreed children received high quality remote learning. Some discussion around this being in relation to the first lockdown not the second. HG pointed out that only 5% disagreed. Parents at the meeting were complimentary about the remote learning provision and felt that it was more extensive than other schools.</li> </ul> <b>Question:</b> <i>How often are the surveys completed?</i> HG explained this happens on an annual basis. HG explained that Ofsted also have a system called ParentView which is always live should parents wish to give their views. We have a link to this on our website.
A	None

2	<b>Online Safety</b>
D	<p>In the most recent survey, “Do you know how to stay safe online at school and at home” had a lower positive response than other questions.</p> <p>PA explained that we have very secure systems in school and that online safety is addressed regularly including a half termly session as part of the Computing scheme of work.</p> <p>A discussion was held around firewalls and parental settings.</p> <p>DA has some expertise in this area and explained that there is free software available helping parents to track internet usage and to block inappropriate content.</p>
A	PA and DA to discuss creating a leaflet giving info and advice for parents.

3	<b>School Development Plan (SDP)</b>
D	<p>HG explained the purpose of the SDP and the main targets within it. For more information view the letter sent home on 2-11-21, entitled ‘School Development Plan Priorities’.</p> <p>HG, PA and AB gave an outline of the work which happens in school to challenge and extend the ‘more able’ children in every class.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> <i>How are children who are not ‘more able’ supported?</i> HG explained that every child is supported and challenged to achieve their potential and that we have a high level of TA support to enable us to do this effectively.</p>
A	None

4	<b>School Uniform</b>
D	<p>HG asked what Parent Forum thought of the new uniform and if they agreed on remaining with the policy that children can come into school wearing PE kit when they have PE. Parent Forum agreed they liked this system. Parent Forum also agreed with HG that the new uniform looks smart and fits with the school colour scheme. However, they were not happy with the quality of the kit, the consistency of sizing, customer service and waiting times.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> <i>Could children attending clubs get changed at afternoon break time to enable them to have a full hour of physical activity rather than spending time getting changed?</i> HG felt this was a good idea and would implement this.</p>
A	<p>HG to pass this info on to Louise Lynch who will investigate a new provider for next year.</p> <p>HG to ask class teachers to allow children to change for clubs at afternoon break time.</p>

5	<b>Ofsted</b>
D	<p>HG explained that we are due to be inspected and that the new criteria for each grade has become more challenging to achieve. It has been reported by Amanda Spielman that 50% of outstanding schools will be downgraded.</p> <p>HG explained that Cherry Tree is always working towards the ‘outstanding’ criteria.</p> <p>RB said that she had been a parent for a long time and had only seen improvements over the years and wished the school ‘good luck’.</p>
A	None

6	<b>AOB</b>
D	None
A	

The meeting finished at 3:15pm

**Next meeting:** Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March- 7pm at school