

Parent Forum Minutes

Friday 22 March, 2019

<p>Plastic</p>	<p>Parents are very pleased with the way in which the Academy encourages pupils to think about how pupils care for the environment e.g. lessons/theme days/Thought for the Week/assemblies/solar panels etc. To enhance this, it was felt the school can build on this further by encouraging other parents and carers to reduce plastic usage. For example, providing an alternative to plastic carrier bags when bringing items to school, taking lunch on day trips, reducing the amount of plastic used in the dining hall (cutlery).</p>	<p>After Easter, plastic cutlery will be replaced with standard cutlery.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>Homework was discussed and Mr Monti will discuss with subject leaders to ensure regular and challenging home learning is set.</p>	<p>Homework timetables will be on display in classrooms from 01.04.19</p>
<p>MFL</p>	<p>The French curriculum was discussed and parents were advised that the schemes of work have been updated.</p> <p>Thank you to those parents who have offered to visit the school to help out with additional language sessions, including French and Spanish!</p>	
<p>Year 8 Educational visit to Bruges</p>	<p>Parents of pupils in Year 8 felt disappointed the visit to Bruges was cancelled due to low uptake.</p>	<p>Next year, the school will provide more notice of the educational visit</p>
<p>Snow</p>	<p>General comment made about pupils playing outside during wintry weather. Can pupils play in the snow?</p>	<p>Pupils will be allowed to play outside in the snow if it is safe to do so</p>
<p>Celebration of Work</p>	<p>It was asked whether it would be possible for parents and carers to take pupils home with them when they leave the site following the Celebration of Work afternoons</p>	<p>Arrangements for leaving with children will always be detailed in communications when the Celebration of Work afternoons take place. At</p>

		present, pupils will leave school at the usual time after registration.
Guitar lessons	Concern was raised that guitar lessons take place on the same day and at the same time each week. This results in some pupils missing half of the same lesson for the year. It was asked whether it would be possible to amend the timetable for guitar lessons to alleviate this.	This has been passed to the music department and Mr Monti will report back at the next parent and family forum.
School Calendar	Information missing from website calendar. Can this be updated?	Mr Monti will investigate
Supervision of pupils eating packed lunches	Can the midday supervisory team ensure pupils who bring packed lunches into school eat them before returning to the playground to play - with particular focus on Y3 pupils.	Mr Monti will speak to the midday supervisory team
Sanitary bins		The bins are emptied and cleaned daily
Science Day and World Book Day	Can pupils on desk duty be given the opportunity to remain with their classes on themed days? Parents thanked Academy staff for the successful organisation of Science Day and World Book Day. The photographs of both days show that a good day was had by all! Some pupils returned home full of enthusiasm about the days!	The desk duty role will be discussed prior to any future themed day
Kitelands Road gate	The hole for one of the gates at the Kitelands End of the school is not deep enough and is therefore difficult to keep open.	Mr Monti has passed this to the site team

The next Parent and Family forum will take place in June. Date and time to be advised.