

Parent Forum Minutes



CHILDREN COME FIRST.

Meeting title: Spring term meeting of the Sherard Parent Forum

Date and time: 3rd February 2022 at 5.30pm

Location: Sherard Primary School

In attendance

Parents:

- Pia Delucchi
- Jenny Harley
- Hannah Mansell
- Rebecca Partington

Staff:

- Helena Blumfield – Head of School
- Michelle Wright – MET Clerk (Minutes)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Head of School, Helena Blumfield (HB), welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

The purpose of the Forum was outlined. The Parent Forum had been established to help promote positive and effective two-way communication between parents and the academy. Key issues would be reported back to the MET Trust Board to enable the Trustees to hold the school to account.

It was also explained that the minutes would be made available on the school website.

2. Discussion points suggested by parents

2.1 What's been working well:

Remote learning: Parents praised the remote learning that had been delivered to children who had not been able to attend school due to Covid. Staff had ensured that pupils could attend lessons 'live' via Teams. The parents noted that staff had managed this effectively, which had enabled their children to continue their learning at home. There was a discussion about the amount of work that had been provided. Parents suggested that sometimes the children completed the work quickly. HB agreed to look into this.

Attendance procedure: There was good feedback from the parents on the information the school had provided in relation to the Covid attendance procedure.

Class DoJo: There was a discussion about the school's use of Class DoJo to communicate with parents. The parents agreed that the school utilised it well, and that it was a useful way for parents to get an insight into their children's teaching and learning. HB encouraged the parents to leave comments as a way for teaching staff to get feedback. It was suggested by the parents that a note about this could be included in the Head of School's weekly email to parents.

2.3. Concerns and questions:

Class trips: Parents asked whether there were plans to arrange class trips this academic year. It was noted that pupils had missed out on opportunities they otherwise would have had due to Covid. HB agreed to discuss with staff with a view to potentially arranging trips in the summer term. This included re-arranging the Year 3 trip to the mosque which had had to be cancelled in the autumn term. It was confirmed that the school intended to hold the Year 6 prom.

Extra-curricular activities: It was also raised by parents whether the school intended to re-introduce lunchtime and after-school clubs. Parents suggested that they could be arranged for specific year groups / bubbles should Covid restrictions still be needed. It was noted by the parents that extra-curricular activities were important for helping to build back pupils' confidence given the amount of time they had spent out of school. HB agreed to discuss with staff the possibility of arranging some activities for the summer term.

Transition from pre-school: Parents enquired about the school's plans for supporting the pre-schoolers' transition into Key Stage 1. HB confirmed that this would need to be discussed with the staff leads for EYFS.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.