

Parent Voice Meeting 26.1.24

Agenda ideas

- School Development Plan Overview
- Aims and Objectives of the Group
- Future Agenda Items
- Ofsted?
- Anti-Bullying?

We welcomed 17 parents and carers and had a representative from every year group. (One parent was also a Parent Governor).

Mrs Cooper shared headlines from our School Development Plan and answered some questions around different aspects of the plan. Most interest was around the improvements school were making to the teaching of writing and how this would improve pupil outcomes. Leading from this, there were discussions around how we teach grammar and there was a request for the Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG) Curriculum to be shared with parents. Following on from this, there was a request for more support to be given to parents and carers who have English as an additional language, so that they in turn could more effectively support their children with Writing and SPaG.

Discussions then moved to Homework. Parents and carers asked questions about the policy, about engagement across the school, about the possibility of a 'Homework' club and about wanting greater clarity with the school's Homework policy. Parents shared thoughts about the irregularity of homework being set in some classes and also the confusion about how/ when it is marked. Some parents also asked if school could provide more guidance about how parents and carers can support their children with homework and what to do when children are struggling.

Parents then asked about school's drive to improve attendance and the recent introduction of the Attendance Armadillos! Mrs Cooper gave clarification on how we will not penalise classes where there are special arrangements in place for children.

Other comments-

Please can teachers not have the whiteboards turned on when they are taking the register.

Can we have more 'boy friendly' clubs?

Can we have more information about the maths calculation methods used across school?

Mrs Cooper asked how we could ensure we are agreed in the aims of the group and set future agenda items- it was suggested that a questionnaire could be distributed.

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Actions for School

• Distribute a questionnaire to ascertain the groups' views of what the aims of the group should be and also take suggestions for future agenda items.

Homework

- Make the policy clearer
- Share guidance and 'tips' with families
- Consider a Homework Club in school

English/ Writing/ Maths

- Consider Writing and Maths Parent/ Carer workshops that share specific elements of the curriculums.
- Consider additional support for parents and carers who have English as an additional language.
- Ensure the SPaG curriculum and the Maths Calculation policy are shared on the school website.

Other

- Remind teachers not to have whiteboards on when taking the register
- Audit current after-school clubs to ensure they cater for all cohorts and a range of interests



