



Parents Forum Minutes

Friday 14th May 2021 at 9.30AM

Time	Agenda Item	Who?
9.30 - 9.45	<p>Welcome new members</p> <p>Parent Forum Whatsapp group – If any parents would like to be added to the group, please email Mrs Pindoria on: wpsparentsforum@gmail.com Please include your name and child/ren’s name and class.</p> <p>This group is moderated by Mrs Pindoria. Information regarding the Parent Forum is shared through this medium – including upcoming dates; surveys and if we are asking parents to trial school initiatives.</p>	Mrs Pindoria
9.45 – 10.00	<p>Remote Learning – What has worked well and what can we improve?</p> <p>Much better experience than the first lockdown. It was much easier for the children and their parents to support home learning.</p> <p>Very well organised. Children were focused and enjoyed being able to communicate with their teachers. They were well supported and could ask questions if they did not understand or needed further support from their teachers.</p> <p>Morning meetings were helpful and well structured.</p> <p>Parent Questionnaires were sent out and feedback from the surveys will be shared on the website soon.</p> <p><i>How did you find the school’s approach to Home Learning?</i></p> <p>Work was uploaded daily and there were extension tasks for when/if the child had completed their work early.</p> <p><i>How did you find the videos from teachers?</i></p> <p>Very good. Teachers explained well and helped parents to support the parents to help their children.</p> <p>Some of the YouTube videos were blocked on the school laptops/Chromebooks.</p> <p>There was an issue with the firewalls on the school laptops that blocked sites like YouTube from loading. This was a result of filters that were used at school to support online safety. Should we have another school closure, our</p>	Mrs Pindoria & Mrs Kennedy-Medford

	<p>computing lead/technician will endeavour to remove this restriction so that access to YouTube lessons are made possible.</p> <p>Home Learning through Google Classroom would be a good idea – not every week.</p> <p>Computing home learning would be a good idea.</p> <p>Science home learning – experiments would be nice.</p> <p>Notifications – How do you know when your child has homework?</p> <p>It would be nice to be alerted as a parent when the teachers post work on Google Classroom.</p> <p>By downloading the Google Classroom app on your phone or tablet, you can see when work has been uploaded for your child. You will need to sign in with your child’s Google Classroom login. Sign-ins are allowed on multiple devices.</p> <p>What improvements can we make as a school to the current provision?</p> <p>Technical hitches were not always responded to until the next day.</p>	
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Use of School Cloud for parents evening.</p> <p>Parents’ Evening was moved to virtual meetings due to restrictions. The choice of platforms to use was based on research on how other schools had conducted their Parent Meetings.</p> <p>What was your experience?</p> <p>EYFS parent – really great experience but the time slot was too short.</p> <p>Communication with teachers is encouraged. Staff can make contact by phone and email. Meetings can be arranged with the teachers via email to:</p> <p>learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk</p> <p>Timeslots on the platform are limited. To ensure that parents are not kept waiting and that meetings run to time (with no overlaps).</p> <p>Parent Evening time slots (in person) are 10 minutes long. This is the only way that teachers can meet with all (30) parents from their class.</p> <p>Staff shared targets prior to meeting so that parents were able to see what their children’s targets were and where they were in relation to their End of Year predicted targets. Going forward, if virtual meetings are</p>	Mrs Pindoria & Mrs Kennedy-Medford

	<p>to take place, we would ask parent to submit questions about their child’s learning/attainment with teachers prior to the appointment to structure meeting to suit the needs of the parent.</p> <p>Booking system was easy.</p> <p>Face to face meetings are favourable. Parents can see their child’s learning in books.</p> <p><i>If possible, would it be possible to see books beforehand?</i> <i>Receive follow up information from teachers or submit further questions on Google Classroom?</i></p> <p>This is something we will take back to our SLT and feedback on the outcomes from this discussion.</p> <p>Tapestry has been a really good way of seeing what your child is doing in school. It is nice that teachers upload children’s work and parents can see what the children are learning in school on the day.</p> <p>DP and KKM are working on a project that allow parents to have a similar experience to EYFS parents (Tapestry). Parent forum members will be the first to trial this as soon as the trial is ready.</p>	
10.15 – 10.45	<p>Reopening of school – How have you found it? What can we do better?</p> <p><i>Staggered start/end – how has that been?</i></p> <p>This works well. Less congestion at pick-up and drop-offs. Timings are working out well.</p> <p><i>Can parents enter through the main reception door?</i></p> <p>Entrance to the school must be via the main gate due to safeguarding. Children can be dropped off at the gate. There is always a member of the Senior Leadership team at the gate and in the Quad who can ensure that children go directly to their class.</p> <p>Presently, children in Year 5 & 6 enter through the entrance to the side of the main reception and children who are late are admitted and registered by our reception staff.</p> <p>As part of our Risk Assessment, gathering indoors, is limited. Currently, we are ensuring that our office staff can socially distance and that pupils, parents and staff are not gathering in this area.</p> <p><i>Can children lock their bikes in the bike shed?</i></p> <p>Bikes can be locked – a member of SLT is always on the gate.</p>	Mrs Pindoria & Mrs Kennedy-Medford

10.45 – 11.15	<p>Wellbeing at school</p> <p>Mrs Evaghoras is the Nursery Teacher and is part of the Wellbeing School Improvement team.</p> <p>Wellbeing at Wembley - presentation shared. Presentation will be available on our website under the Wellbeing tab.</p> <p>Zones of Regulation (traffic light system) explained. This is used with children in school regularly to enable children to identify and talk about how they feel with their teachers and familiar adults.</p> <p>In most year groups, this was also used by teachers to identify children they needed to follow up/contact each day.</p> <p>Self-help tools are taught to the children to enable them to self-regulate. Teachers also model (show) how to talk about their feelings so that pupils can see how they can talk about their own feelings and help themselves to move back to the Green Zone.</p> <p>Website Wellbeing link shared – Feedback on this area of the website is welcomed. Please visit and share with other WPS parents.</p> <p>https://www.wembleyprimary.co.uk/wellbeing/</p> <p>Parent Champions – Providing Wellbeing strategy feedback; attend meetings; promote wellbeing with other WPS parents.</p> <p>Mrs Evaghoras is working on Zones of Regulation packs which will be shared with children in June.</p> <p>Wellbeing Zones of Regulation can also be used at home. We encourage parents to display these at home and talk about their feelings with their children.</p>	Mrs Evaghoras
11.15 – 11.30	<p>AOB (Any Other Business)</p> <p>Please submit questions or agenda items for future meetings. Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>There will be a Carnival Day at Wembley Primary School in June. A member of the Arts Team will present information at the next Parent Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Please contact Mrs Pindoria, Mrs Kennedy or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you can help or have ideas for the carnival.</p>	

Next meeting TBC