



Parent Forum

Friday 22nd October

2:30pm – 3:30pm



Leading today's meeting...

Mr Fykin HEADTEACHER

These minutes are a brief account of the discussions that took place at the meeting. If you would like further information feel free to ask a member of staff or turn up to the meetings to get the fuller picture.





Thumbs Up!



The inclusion team were amazing at supporting my children through a very difficult time. Thank you so much.



Thumbs Up!



Really appreciate having the opportunity to meet the class teacher face to face at Parents Evening. I know it took a lot to keep it as safe as possible but found it incredibly useful.



Lets discuss... (1)



Meet The Teacher format

Group discussed the format of the Meet The Teacher sessions, suggesting things they liked, things that were unnecessary and things they would have preferred to see / hear from the class teacher.

Things that they liked / needed

- P.E days & other key timetabling, homework, trips and clubs, reading book changing days, spelling days
- Information about the Class Teacher
- Example of writing year group expectations
- School priorities

Things that were not necessary

- Uniform information
- The slides which included the expectations. Too small and difficult to read.
- Attendance and other generic messages (these should be shared in an update or the prospectus)

Things they would have like to hear / see

- Some key things the children need to achieve across the course of the year
- Things parents can do at home to help
- How teachers want parents to be involved over the year / supporting with at home
- What things they are learning in the classroom?
- Key differences between this academic year and last year
- 3 key points about the class teacher – How do they teach? What are they like?



Thumbs Up!



The information provided by the school is excellent. My friend's child goes to another local school and they often want to see what Rushmere are sending out and they are amazed.



Lets discuss... (2)



COVID Information & Communication

Group discussed the COVID communication provided by the school. The group discussed whether it was clear enough and effective. The group discussed the potential improvements and issues created by facebook and whatapp groups.

- All parents attending said that the level of information provided was very good.
- Communication from the school during the lockdowns was very strong, especially compared to other schools locally (that parents have connections to).
- Parents appreciated the new cases grid that was being shared daily – they felt it gave them an overview of cases within the school and helped them feel assured that cases were being tracked accurately.
- Parents felt the pitching was right especially as the spectrum of views around COVID is vast and broad.
- Parents liked the subtle **adjustment to the subjects of ParentMails...** enables finding information they are looking for much easier.
- Parents liked the **rostrum image for communication** with the school – visual and easy to understand.

Potential improvements

- An explanation for all parents about the purpose of the grid so that all parents are clear on its purpose.
- Explanation of when parents should expect a letter from the school regarding cases e.g. the first confirmed case, reaching the threshold.
- A regular reminder of the current rules and what parents need to do at each point.
- Reminders of what parents need to do if they need clarity or want to cross check information provided by the school (rather than using facebook groups or whatsapp groups as a source of information).



Thumbs Up!



Thank you for running the Year 2 Harvest assemblies. I know it would be easy to avoid doing anything like this but we really appreciate seeing our children in an assembly... we've missed out over the last few years.



Thumbs Up!



Thank you to Miss Chitty for having toys out during Parents Evening. It meant I could talk with her whilst my child was occupied. I had no other childcare so had to bring my child with me.



Thumbs Up!



My child loves his school lunches. I know the school kitchen staff often get forgotten about but it's the best part of his school day.



Thumbs Up!



So pleased Mr Smith's
football club is still
running... and its still free.
Thank you Mr Smith