



Parent Ambassadors

September 2024

Dear all,

We do hope that everyone has had a good start to the new academic year. We are writing to remind you all of the **Parent Ambassador** group, that work collaboratively with the staff at CFS.

The Parent Ambassadors are a group of committed parents and carers who have volunteered to represent the wider community of parents of children attending CFS. We meet with key members of the Senior Leadership Team at least once a term. The agenda for each meeting is mutually devised in advance, with contributions proposed from both the School and us as Parent Ambassadors. The agenda items are based on queries and suggestions from the parental body (rather than issues and individual complaints which should still be communicated directly with the School in the usual way) and, just as importantly, matters that the School wish to get parental thoughts and feedback on. Minutes of each meeting are then shared with all parents each term, and also posted on the CFS website at <https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/parent-ambassadors/>

The CFS Parent Ambassadors are listed below and can be contacted via parentambassadors@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk:

Stephanie Beresford - Years 4 & 7

Hana Bishop - Year 2

Hannah Cecil - Years 4 & 10

Martin Cox - Year 10

Rebecca Ellis - Year 7

Paige Howard - Year 2

Leonie Lewis-Hall - Year 5

Becky Milward - Year 8

Stacey Outen - Year 6

Mike Prior - Years 1 & 3

Ksenia Serebryanikova – Year 9

Louise Turner - Year 4

Kerry Wharf - Years R, 4 & 6

The agenda for the first meeting later this month has been devised in discussion with the School, and is as follows:

- **New pupils and parents**
 - How have new parents/pupils – Year R, Year 7 and other joiners – found the transition of joining the school?
 - What has worked well? Any suggestions for future year groups?

- **Games Set and Match**
 - Now a year in, how are parents finding Game Set and Match as our uniform provider?
 - Is there anything that the School needs to feed back to them?

- **Fundraising** - Fundraising has been fairly successful over the last couple of years, but funds are still limited in education and so the School want to raise even more. Unfortunately, there is often limited support from parents in the organisation of big events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs (although attendance is great!). This year the School want to focus fundraising on the further development of Forest School, but hopefully also raising enough to support other smaller projects as well.
 - Have the parental body got any ideas of how we could make fundraising even more successful?
 - What would encourage more parents to support the organisation of events? For example, is there a renewed desire for a more formal PTA, which was previously disbanded due to a lack of numbers?

- **Drop off and pick up** - With any increase in land for car parking still a little while away, there are still frustrations about how people are approaching drop off and pick up despite multiple reminders.
 - Does the parental body have any creative and practical ideas with how we could improve the traffic situation on the current site, bearing in mind that there is no capacity for extra school staffing?

If you have any comments on the bullet points above please do email parentambassadors@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk by **Friday 20th September**.

Kind regards,

The CFS Parent Ambassadors