

Feedback from Parent Ambassador Meeting 2 July 2024

The Members of the Parent Ambassadors present were:

- Leonie Lewis-Hall
- Emma Smith
- Hana Bishop
- Hannah Cecil
- Martin Cox
- Mike Prior
- Becky Milward

The members of the School present were:

- Mr J Garner, Head of Primary

Prior to the meeting the School and Ambassadors had created a mutually agreed agenda.

The points to note along with the action points from the agenda are detailed below:

1. Ofsted

Mr Garner explained the Ofsted process was effectively three-days starting with a phone conversation on day 0 and a two-day visit in school with a team of inspectors. He explained that often 'Good' schools are visited under the 'Ungraded' category of inspections (where inspectors would essentially check that a Good school is still Good). However, for reasons unknown to the school and the inspection team, we had been selected for a 'Graded Inspection'. Most likely this is because of a relatively large change in the leadership team over the past five years and the fact that the school has recently joined Sussex Learning Trust. Mr Garner explained how the process was carried out and that the school was very pleased with the result, echoed by the Parent Ambassadors who were very proud of the school. It was noted that everyone was especially pleased with the 'Outstanding' result for Personal Development as this is central to the school's ethos. The report did not make it overly clear that the inspection team had debated at length whether Leadership ought to be graded Outstanding too. All in all, it was a great report confirming the school's position as a strong 'Good' school with elements of Outstanding practice.

2. Land

On the land acquisition side of things, there is still little to update. There are numerous activities going on in the background led by Wates and a newly appointed member of the Trust who is leading on all things related to the schools' estates. Mr Garner assured the Ambassadors that to his knowledge things are moving in the right direction. Decisions are still to be made as to the preferred use of the land.



3. AOB

Mr Garner explained that there had been early discussions about the re-formation of a parent body (CFS Friends/PTA etc) to support events, fundraising and the general school community. This was welcomed by the Parent Ambassadors. No decision has been made as to what format this will take or when.

The Parent Ambassadors discussed the need to recruit more members as the nature of children growing up and leaving school means we will soon lose some of our parent ambassadors. Anyone interested in becoming part of the group to represent the voice of parents should contact parentmbassadors@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

We also discussed the possibility of a Parent Ambassador attending events aimed at new parents to the school to give them the opportunity to be part of the group and explain what the role of the parent ambassador group is.

Next meeting date 24 September 2024.