

Feedback from Parent Ambassador Meeting 24 September 2024

The Members of the Parent Ambassadors present were:

- Mike Prior
- Hana Bishop
- Leonie Lewis-Hall
- Stacey Outen
- Hannah Cecil
- Becky Milward
- Rebecca Ellis
- Louise Turner
- Stephanie Beresford
- Paige Howard

The members of the School present were:

- Mrs New, Executive Principal
- Mr Garner, Head of Primary
- Mr Hardwick, Deputy Head of Secondary

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. New Pupils and Parent Feedback

It was noted that homework has been on different platforms. Whilst different subject use different platforms for homework, all homework should be posted on Class Charts, which will include a link to the other platform if needed. Mrs New to ensure all teachers are putting homework on Class Charts as the only place for pupils and parent to look. It was discussed as to whether homework for the Year 7 cohort can be slowly increased from the beginning of term to the Christmas break, with consideration given to sanctions for first time offences.

It was discussed that the Primary phase could gradually increase homework as pupils move up the school to ensure it is not a huge jump to secondary. Mr Garner will look into this.

The school agreed to consider extending deadlines of homework for Year 7, especially when set on a Friday

The school will resend the previous email of what is expected in each subject for homework each week.

The school confirmed that the Tutor should always be the first port of call for communication, and apologised for any confusion caused on the Year 7 Tutor Evening. To help with this, Tutor email addresses will be added to be next to the names on the website.

There was very positive feedback from pupils about experience in Year 7, particularly the Summer School, all found it so useful with the transition

Request for a delayed start to PE and Forest School in September for Primary, to help parents settle for the first week (JG to consider for next year)

2. Game Set and Match

All good feedback received regarding Game Set and Match. Parent particularly like the ability to try on the uniform in the shop and the communication from them has been great too.

3. Fundraising

It was agreed that there should be a new 'PTA' for fundraising, events & support for the school with a new name. All spending & financials to be kept inhouse still and dates and emails asking for support need to be sent earlier than before.

Many of the Parent Ambassadors would like to be involved in the new PTA, however they will be very separate groups. A further meeting will be arranged to discuss next steps & how the new group will be formed. Following this meeting another meeting will be set up with the Parent Ambassadors to plan support and how to move this forward.

4. Parking / Drop off & pick up

Lots of ideas were discussed regarding the car park and traffic management – the school are having a meeting next week to consider all options and will explore the following with a traffic expert who they have asked to come and assess the current situation and to give CFS some feedback/ ideas on how we can improve:

- Could we change the end time of after school clubs to stagger the flow of cars? Potentially Primary clubs finishing at 4:15 & Secondary clubs finishing at 4:30 (Primary children would be able to wait for a Secondary sibling)
- Reinstate car sharing scheme, CFS to give information to parents to help facilitate this.
- A paid school bus that does a loop of the local area?
- A teacher to stand on the other side of the zebra crossing to hold children back for a few minutes to allow the cars to flow, then they cross in a batch instead of single children constantly crossing (This has been actioned for 8am)
- Can we all park in different ways? Swap parents & teachers car parks?
- There is a small amount of council land next to the left of the school, this could be used for parking? (Mrs New to speak to local MP again, as this was explored several years ago)
- Rounding the corner in the flow car park to ensure cars can turn easier
- Hedges are overgrown on the pathway leading to the school (HB to take pics and ask council to cut back)

Next meeting date: 26 February 2024