

Wednesday 24th October 2018 9am

Thank you to all the parents who attended. Alli Hammond (chair of governors) opened the meeting by updating parents on the progress the school had made since the [newsletter](#) she sent home in September. AH informed parents that governors had been meeting with Mr Kitchen fortnightly as part of the Academy Improvement Board they had set up in the summer, in order to oversee the School Improvement Plans. She also updated them on the progress that had been made regarding Pupil Premium since the review had been carried out, the action plan which had been created and the priorities that were already being met. AH then reminded parents of the Teachers2Parents app which could be used instead of receiving text messages, and said that she found it a vast improvement as all messages were in one place and could be easily retrieved. Kate Kite informed that there had been some inconsistencies with the app, with not all messages being received. AK to follow up. AK reminded parents of the school's uniform policy and that trainers are not allowed. One parent requested images and another declared the school should be strict. AK responded that if the shoe can be polished, it is school uniform.

Parent issues raised:

The lockdown procedure

A parent asked if the school felt the procedure was a success following the first lockdown procedure in the summer term and whether there will be another one.

AK responded that yes it was a success, it was not too intense and proved that all systems worked. He reported that all adults were prepared and knew what to do.

A parent asked how prepared would staff be if the event was real.

AK responded that staff are told to assume the worst, like they are for fire drills and are confident to follow procedures for things such as a bomb threat. AK also revealed that there would be two fire drill practices and one lockdown procedure per year, of which staff are unaware of dates.

Year 5 Notice for Secondary Open Days

AK responded that the open days are primarily for year 6 students although year 5 children will have opportunities to go to both feeder schools for events during year 5.

Open Hour Changes

A parent asked why the open hour had changed from the previous timings.

AK responded that they were less teacher led as it has proven difficult to teach a lesson with lots of parents in the classroom. Also, it has to be a lesson which is easy to deliver, in case the class teacher is not present. AK said that it was nice for parents to come at the end of a topic so that they could celebrate their child's achievements.

Staffing Issues

A parent asked about staff cover and if parents could be informed.

AK replied that we try to use cover in school, so children are familiar with the staff. Ak also said that parents are only informed about cover if it's long term.

Head Injuries Communication

Parents gave positive feedback on the communication they now receive regarding head injuries.

Vivacious Vocabulary Day

Parents were also very positive about the recent Vivacious Vocabulary Day. AK reminded parents that vocabulary is being pushed in the school and are encouraging lots of discussion around this. Parents were happy to see the daily updates on Twitter and appreciated being able to build on the messages being taught in school, at home e.g. kindness to one another.

Finally, parents agreed that a reminder on the next newsletter about who the parent forum is and what we do, would be useful to all.