

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School

Minutes of Parent Forum

Held at Cuddington & Dinton CofE School, Cuddington Site

On 7th June 2024

Present: Nicola Wilde (Chair), Rachel Alamghir (Y6), Ruth Redding (Y5), Poppy Smith (Y3), Karen Gwynne (Y2), Rachel Ford (YF)

Apologies: Rachel Miller (Y4), Samantha Rockett (Y1)

The parent forum reps make a decision on whether they take the topics raised to the agenda for discussion. The topics should be related to the school in general, and anything relating to specific classes should be raised by the parent directly with the teacher (the parent rep will let you know if this is the case).

Item	Topic	Minute
1	School Meals	Portion sizes have been queried as some Foundation children are still hungry after lunch. Y2 are most likely to get second servings as they are second sitting, so they are not likely to be offered to Foundation children. Mrs Wilde feels the portion sizes are good but will speak to the catering supplier re. children who are still hungry.
2	Wet Play	Children are all asked to bring a coat with a hood. They play outside when there is drizzle, and are indoors when there is heavy rain. This may change halfway through break if the weather changes. There are a couple of spare coats on Infants if needed. Mrs Wilde is looking at infant children having wellies in school, and possibly all-in-one waterproofs, but this needs planning and Mrs Wilde is currently looking at wellie storage. Children are not allowed on the climbing frame if it is slippery.
3	School Calendar	The Family Service is tied in with the church and has to be on a Thursday due to church arrangements. Staff are mindful and trying to use different days of the week when planning parent activities. There is currently a glitch on the calendar system on the website so please look at the newsletter dates.
4	Homework	It is felt by some parents that there is too much homework on devices (maths and spelling online weekly and learning log once a half-term). Spellings are being written out every day at school and the homework is set to make the spellings fun with games. The children do very little work on the computers at school. Y2 have a morning task everyday focussing on spelling, punctuation and grammar. Reading is incredibly important and is a priority both in school and at home.
5	Incorrect Uniform	If a child is wearing incorrect uniform, the teacher will gently speak to the child. Some children have felt upset with this. The

school agrees uniform being incorrect is not the child's fault. Mrs Wilde will check how the teachers approach this.

- 6 Outside Play Areas and Outdoor Learning
- There is lots of investment to be done in the infant playground. The school have had quotes for a three-phase plan which will take place over a couple of years. The first phase is to clean the playground surface. Fencing and a gate will be installed. A tree surgeon has quoted and put planning in place for some trees to be lopped (preventing so many leaves falling onto the playground) and a large branch felled that overhangs part of the playground. Mrs Wilde will share designs of the proposed new climbing frames as soon as they are available. On Juniors, the field is being fenced and the Diocese will fund the majority of this.
- There is plenty of play equipment for breaktimes and this is replenished as needed.
- Parents are welcome to contribute if they wish.
- Miss Bailey has started training in Outdoor Learning. Y3 and Y4 are going to The Spinney in Dinton for outdoor learning soon. The juniors have the pond learning area and Mrs Wilde will encourage this to be used more.
- 7 Daily Mile
- Children are very active during morning break and lunch break, and also at after school club. The sports lead is targeting inactive children to make sure they are busy. Mrs Wilde has experience of the Daily Mile in school but is not sure how beneficial it is. She will measure how many laps of the playground one mile is and the children can do this in their lunch break if they choose.
- 8 Fiver Challenge
- The Y6 Fiver challenge is happening:
1. After school date TBC
 2. Cuddington Fete
 3. Possibly a second date after school
- 9 Post-SATs Y6 Day Out
- It has been suggested that Y6 have a fun day out on the Friday at the end of the SATs week. Children could be given some choices on venues and vote. This is being considered.
- 10 Bikeability
- The fast turnaround of the Bikeability forms was, unfortunately, out of the school's control.
- 11 Breakfast Club
- It has been suggested that breakfast club could start earlier, at 7:30am. A senior member of staff is needed on site for breakfast club which makes it impractical. It is too expensive for Exposure Sport to run it and the school would lose an important revenue stream. From September all schools will be required to provide wrap around care provision from 8am to 6pm and this will happen at Cuddington and Dinton in September.
- 12 Exposure Sport – PE
- The feedback is that the PE lesson classes currently have with Exposure Sport is great and it has been suggested that they

could perhaps have two PE lessons a week with Exposure Sport. Unfortunately, this would be too expensive to be viable.

- 13 After School Clubs Mrs Bowman has a list of all school-run clubs for next year and this will go on the website in due course.
- 14 Y4 Parents' Evening There will be a parents' evening for Y4 at the end of term when Mrs Thomas has had more time with the children. Mrs Wilde will let the class know a date for this ASAP.
- 15 Writing and Punctuation Although brought to parent forum, this query is specific and the parent should raise this individually with Mrs Thomas.
- 16 Registration The attendance policy is on the website and was re-written and updated in January 2024. This clearly states the times a child will be marked 'Late' and 'Absent'.

[Attendance Policy 2024-26](#)

Registers	Gate Opens	Gate Closes	Register closes (Child recorded as late)	Marked as absent if arriving after this time	Afternoon Register Opens	Afternoon Register Closes
Infant site	8:35	8:45	8:50	9:20	1:15	1:25
Junior site	8:45	8:55	9:00	9:30	1:30	1:40

All latecomers must be recorded on the signing in system. In the event of a fire, the register and digital register from the system are taken outside. Parents MUST use the in/out electronic system. It is felt that sometimes the times for 'Late' and 'Absent' aren't followed. Some parents believe that the electronic system is not working correctly with the times marked as Late/Absent. Mrs Wilde will check.

Meeting Close The next meeting date is Friday 18th October 2024.