

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School

Minutes of Parent Forum

Held at Cuddington & Dinton CofE School, Dinton Site

On 15th November 2024

Present: Nicola Wilde (Chair), Ruth Redding (Y6), Melissa Lamburn (Y5), Michelle Reng (Y4), Karen Gwynne (Y3), Samantha Rockett (Y2), Rachel Ford (Y1), Gill Hargreaves (YR)

Apologies: None

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	Reception – general comments	Feedback from Reception class parents is that generally they are very happy and pleased with the gentle transition. Mrs. Wilde clarified that children bring in their water bottles daily which they have access to all day, and they also have a snack table with fruit and milk.
2	Outside Play	Some parents commented that the wellies on the infant site looked like they hadn't been used. The wellies aren't needed in the Foundation outside area. The Foundation children can choose to put on their wellies and go on the field every lunchtime and Thursday breaktime.
3	School-run After School Clubs	A lot of children are often ravenous when they come home from school following school-led after school club. Mrs. Wilde has trialled giving them a snack half-way through the club and this was very positive so she will be recommending this to other clubs.
4	School Calendar	All dates are on the school calendar. Following parent forum conversations, it seems that they are only syncing to phones for a number of months following re-subscribing. Mrs. Wilde will be looking into this again.
5	Lunches	Less healthy dessert options seem to be more frequent this year than last year. Mrs. Wilde confirmed that fruit is always an option, and they can have this alongside the less healthy options.

It was suggested that perhaps parents could be sent a photo of a meal to enable them to judge if the portion was adequate for their child or if they should send in a packed lunch instead.

Fresh Start are told of school trips by teachers when they are booked.

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| 6 | Timetable Flexibility | When there is an extra activity, e.g. the nativity, that requires time from class, there is a rota for timetabling this to ensure that it is not the same subject being missed every time. A query about sending the children in PE kits for the day on PE days was raised but it is important, and part of the learning, that children learn to change quickly. Some of the older children need to be able to change due to hygiene. |
| 7 | Time-outs | If a child misbehaves in Reception, the child is given a sand timer for five minutes and they sit quietly with this, enabling them to self-regulate. In Y1 upwards, if something problematic happens, at the end of that lesson the five minutes gets tagged onto the end of the lesson. If it keeps happening, school will call the parents, and/or have a meeting. The next step is a home/school communication book. The teachers are always looking for the reasons behind the behaviour. On rare occasions, the whole class has stayed in for an additional few minutes if the class has collectively been misbehaving. The Behaviour Policy is reviewed annually and is due to be reviewed soon. Mrs. Wilde has observed that the school does have very well-behaved children as a culture. |
| 8 | Forest School | Miss Bailey is currently receiving training to achieve her Forest School accreditation. Y1 had Forest School last half term and Y2 are having Forest School classes this half term. On the Junior site, children are being taken to the field much more now that it is fenced. The pond area is being maintained regularly and Mrs. Wilde is encouraging teachers to use it as a learning space. |
| 9 | Junior Site Car Park Lighting | The carpark is not to be used by parents until after 5pm when there are very few children around. There are no plans to get lights. Regarding road safety in general at Juniors, it was not possible to get a lollipop person and a volunteer would be liable if there was an accident. A crossing could be a possibility. |
| 10 | Breakfast Club | Breakfast club on infants has already been made earlier. Parent Forum members to ask their class groups if there would be interest in an earlier breakfast club start. |
| 11 | Exposure Sport After School Club | Parents often book Exposure Sports as soon as the dates are available to ensure they have a place for their child. The school after school clubs are often announced after this and then parents find they have a double booking. With the exception of the first half term when new staff etc. may be establishing new clubs, the club provision overview is on the website. However, if a new club opportunity appears, that will be added. |
| 12 | Toilets | Two new doors have just been fitted in the boys' toilets on Junior site. The toilets are cleaned daily. |
| 13 | Residential Trips | There is a mini-residential planned for Y3 and Y4 this year, details to be confirmed. |

- 14 Homework
- There is currently a problem with glitches on Ed Shed so Y5 and Y6 have been trialling printed worksheets. There has been a problem with Y6 not doing their homework but the level they receive will be increased. Reading, spellings and maths should be done every week with learning log homework twice every half term (approx. every 3 weeks).
- It is felt that there can be some irregularity in homework feedback. The House Point system should rectify this. Learning Log homework is marked in a relaxed way and more detailed feedback is in everyday workbooks.
- 15 Library Access
- In Y5 and Y6, it is the child's responsibility to change their library books at lunchtimes and breaktimes. Y3 and Y4 have a 15-minute library session each week.
- Meeting Close
- The next meeting date is Friday 7th March 2024.