

Parent Focus Group – March 12th 2015 @ 9.00 am – Federation House

Present:

Anthony Orlik (AO)

Deborah Lamont

Shamshad Hussain

Sarah Yates

Yasmin Kauser

Shazia Begum

Errol Lewis

David Gozho

Clair Daniel

Lynne Baker – Minutes

Notes from last meeting	<p>Crossing patrol.-still problems, mainly with high school pupils. AO to speak to Mr Westerman, BCA. Still vacancies for crossing wardens, suggestion made that parents may help. Council cannot install 'bleep' due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Allergies – parents need to provide an asthma plan to the school.</p> <p>My Maths. – no suitable package yet found for literacy. Some parents have been unable to access / use My Maths. Suggested a workshop could be set up for parents.</p> <p>Meetings – the day for the PFG meeting was discussed. Wednesdays seem preferable as long as it does not impact with assemblies.</p>	AO to speak with BCA AO to decide
Walking bus	There is a general meeting next week. The walking bus will only be available for mornings, not practical for afternoon as children may all finish different times due to clubs etc. Children will be supervised until they arrive at school. Most parents seemed to welcome the idea.	
Catering	A survey has been done with the pupils. Parents thought that the meals could be more simple, maybe not as many sauces or spices.	
Holiday clubs	Parents would like to be advised in advance of holiday clubs to allow them to plan around. AO said we could send out a list for the academic year with dates.	
Bullying	School has a quick response to allegations of bullying. Children are encouraged to report to teachers and other members of staff if they are worried about anything. AO assured parents that the school has a rigorous policy on bullying. Parents are encouraged to share concerns so that they can be followed up quickly.	

Rain	Parents complained about having to wait outside the Infants when raining, especially if they have children at both schools. The Junior school let the children in so therefore they are earlier at Infants and have to stand and wait. Shelters for the playground were also discussed.	AO to set up system for Juniors to inform Infants if opening.
Bollywood.	The dance teacher for the Bollywood groups does not always have all the information about events. It may be that she does not get a copy of the letters. Also an event planner could be produced.	AO to set up an event planner
Homework	There is a lunchtime homework club for pupils if appropriate. Good Homework Certificates are issued. Success of homework policy depends on support from home.	
Pupil Premium	Pupil Premium was mentioned as some parents were not aware of it. The funding is used to support children with intervention, extra tuition etc. Details on website.	