

Parent Focus Group – March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 9.00am – Blue Coat CE (A) Infant school

Present:

Anthony Orlik (AO)

Kemesha Roberts

Deborah Lamont

Charles Chikasha

Sue Sargent

Bharathan Sivananthan

Erika Beech

Razia Parveen

Soma Rani

Tracy Wilson – Minutes

	AO explained the purpose of the Parent Focus Group.	
Notes from last meeting	<p><b>Crossing Patrol</b> – Concerns that pupil’s from BCA are still running across the roads. AO will speak to Mr Smith. The 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing patrol is not being replaced due to funding.</p> <p><b>Single Use Plastic</b> - Blue Coat is one of the leading schools in the area and working closely with Professor Gatrad. School council are also involved. Catering company also trying hard not to use single use plastic.</p> <p><b>Lost property</b> - is now put out on playground every other Monday at Junior school.</p> <p>Concern that a brand new jumper had gone home with the wrong child from infant school following football and although staff made aware still not been found/returned. Was suggested that the school ask all parents to bring back to school the following day any clothing which has been brought home and not belonging to their child as on this occasion the jumper had the pupils name in it. AO will address in Blue Print.</p> <p><b>Pupils Break Times</b> – Pupils are not kept in unless something they have persistently done.</p> <p>Developed Homework – Been reviewed and more information has been sent out to parents.</p> <p><b>Sex Education</b> – Still concerns that pupils who are withdrawn by parents are hearing talk about the discussions which have taken place during the lesson and parents request that teachers reiterate that what is discussed in class stays in the class.</p> <p>AO did mention that sex education is taught discreetly to years 5 &amp; 6 and parents will always be informed when the lesson is going to take place and that parents who have concerns are invited to come and look at the programme</p>	AO

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	<p>and resources used. Parents can withdraw children from sex education lessons.</p> <p>Curriculum around Relationships was discussed. Blue Coat is a diverse community</p> <p>“Everyone is different but special”</p> <p>All resources that are used in school reflect the diverse community.</p> <p>Parents can ask to see what is coming up and the curriculum is also available to view on the school website.</p>	
Online Payments	<p>Parents had concerns that you can only download app once and doesn't work if you have pupils in different schools. TW explained that need correct e mail/contact number and would liaise with LB/School Comms to clarify</p> <p>AO explained there were teething problems to start with.</p>	TW
Parking	<p>Parents feel parking is getting worse, parking on double yellow lines and in particular at back BCJ situation getting worse.</p> <p>AO felt parking had been better at BCI when police intervened. AO appreciates big problem however limited in what can be done and working with police/traffic wardens.</p> <p>With regards to congestion in the gulley when collecting pupils from school AO will possibly have a look at maybe having markings put down showing way in/way out to see if could help ease situation.</p>	AO
Behaviour Senior Pupils	<p>AO to discuss with Mr Smith.</p> <p>AO hoped pupils in both Infant and Junior schools were well behaved on their way to and from school. Parents agreed that they were.</p>	AO
Pen Licenses	<p>There is an incentive for pupils to improve their hand writing and be able to have the use of a hand writing pen and this is encouraged especially for year 6 pupils.</p> <p>Parents asked for consideration to ensure all children experienced using a pen even if they didn't have neat hand writing at some point.</p>	AO
Homework	<p>Homework is much clearer following further information being sent out to parents.</p> <p>Concerns that there is a competition going on between classes regarding rocket maths and although parents feel good that pupils are competing against one another feel that after a certain time in evening parents are logging on and to gain points for their childs class then this will have a negative impact on the children.</p> <p>AO will speak to teachers and also address in Blue Print.</p>	AO