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**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**

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Parent Focus Group – June 12th 2019 @ 9.00am – Federation House

Present:

Anthony Orlik (AO)

Sue Sargent

Erika Beech

Delia Adams

Razia Parveen

Tracy Wilson – Minutes

	AO explained the purpose of the Parent Focus Group.	
Notes from last meeting	<p>Behaviour Senior Pupils – AO had a discussion with Mr Smith with regard to issues which had been raised and following this Mr Smith and also two other members of staff are now on duty and it was hoped this would help resolve the issues raised.</p> <p>Relationships/Sex education lessons – Concerns again raised regarding pupils talking amongst themselves out of lessons. Teachers will talk to children involved about keeping conversations within the lessons themselves. AO assured again that parents can withdraw their children from lessons but strongly advised they come into school and take a look at resources used and to discuss any concerns with AO/PH.</p> <p>Online Payments – TW explained that all contact details required enabling parents to see on the App if they had a child in different school had to be exactly the same information at both school. Following the discussion if there were still problems TW mentioned that parents can contact the school office who will look into the problem straightaway.</p> <p>Parents suggested letters going out before the end of half term for parents to sign up for the after school clubs which will be commencing in September.</p> <p>TW to liaise with LB regarding this.</p>	TW

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Bullying	<p>Concern was raised regarding bullying in the school. AO explained that bullying in school is zero tolerance and that there is a rigorous system in place. Children know that if they have any concerns that they tell to someone and keep telling until the problem is solved.</p> <p>All bullying issues are recorded and monitoring is in place. There have been incidents albeit few and far between and always been dealt with swiftly.</p> <p>AO will look into particular concern raised and also advised that parents can always contact the school if they have concerns.</p>	AO
Festival of Eid-al-Fitr	<p>Parents felt they had to ring the school office to inform that their child would be off school for their celebration despite signing the letter of consent form. TW explained that there were a significant number of parents who had not returned their consent letters and that the office had requested that where possible parents came to the office to sign consent form to enable pupils to get their mark for religious observance.</p> <p>AO reassured parents that if parents had sent back the consent slip then there was no need for them to phone in and that their child would get their mark for one day request for their celebration.</p>	
Woodlands day event	<p>Parents raised concerns that they were not informed following their interest in the one day event to Woodlands.</p> <p>TW advised that all pupils were involved in discussions and also if interest had been shown a further letter went out informing parents that payment was due. If parents are unsure they can always ring the school office regarding future trips etc and letters are also available on the school website.</p>	
Reading	<p>BCI system in place RWI</p> <p>Children take book home and once read comes back to school and exchanged for another which is monitored</p>	

	<p>consistently. At present there is no checking system in place at BCJ. Both schools are currently looking at how to develop libraries and also may be looking to the PTA to maybe help staff the library. Children are encouraged to use the school library and the children are heard reading their books in class.</p> <p>With regard to “Shabby books” these are currently being looked at. There has been money put aside to invest in new</p> <p>books and PTA has also provided money for books every year although hard to see impact.</p> <p>Key factor being children/.parent to read together at home. Colour codes book bands will be introduced so that progression can then be seen with reading and this information will be shared with parents.</p>	
<p>Certificates</p>	<p>Issue was raised that parents are not told when their child is receiving merit certificate/homework certificates. AO explained that due to the number of children receiving these certificates that we do not invite parents in especially for these. All parents are welcome every week to celebration assembly.</p>	
<p>School Budget</p>	<p>Schools are under increasing pressure with budgets, AO will shortly be writing to parents re certain provisions that will not be maintained in the new academic year. There will be more money set aside for reading resources this year.</p>	
<p>Ofsted Reports</p>	<p>Parents asked what improvements so far had been made with regard to areas of concern in the recent Ofsted report AO explained that all areas of concern raised had been looked at and that the resulting actions these were still ongoing and maintained.</p>	
<p>PTA</p>	<p>PTA do an amazing job with little support from parents and EB said how vital it was to have a PTA, however new members are required as current members will soon be moving on as their children leave BCJ.</p> <p>PTA are currently looking to appoint a Treasurer straight</p>	<p>AO</p>

	<p>away and also to appoint a New Chair within the 12 next months. TW to forward contact details to for suggested new members to current Chair person. It was also suggested that volunteers for the summer fair would be requested via Blue Print. AO will arrange for this</p>	<p>TW</p>
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