Blue Coat Federation

Parent Forum Meeting 16th March 2022

ITEM DISCUSSED	DISCUSSION POINTS	PLANNED ACTION
The importance of the group and the contributions the parents make.	It is the children's school and how important the support of the parents is in their development. Support with the learning at home. Ensuring the parents are getting the support they need from the school.	Parent forum more often to share ideas, improvements and comments.
How did the school provision work throughout COVID 19.	It was felt that the provision was excellent, Blue Coat had prepared with a suitable timetable. The importance of communication between school and parents. Online learning, purple mash etc. Praise given to the school for the way remote learning was carried out. Loan of devices was helpful and enabled parents to help children more, this particularly helped those parents with multiple children.	Although we are coming to the end of the isolation period and hopefully COVID is nearing the end communication is still important between the school and parents and these meetings are key.

Provision offered - Catch up learning.

Home learning is as important now to bridge the gaps.

The time children have missed has been huge however the resilience of the children has been outstanding.

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Social skills are a concern to parents as pupils have not engaged as much with others throughout the pandemic.

After school clubs are useful however some children need encouraging to attend and clubs are full when they agree to sign up.

Parents felt progress was starting to show now children and consistently back in school.

The positive impact Parents evenings have had enabling the parents to engage with teachers.

School to support the social side of development.

AO will think through some activities and opportunities to socialise more with their peers to help accelerate their language and confidence.

If there are any individual children AO asked that these were discussed separately.

Workshops will slowly start to be introduced again to enable parents to come and work alongside their child in school.

Things parents would like to see the school introduce again.	Parents felt the workshops should be introduced again as this will be crucial in them being able to see how well their child is doing in school. Missing the projects the children are asked to do at home. More homework issued online for children to work on.	AO will check what homework is being set and ensure all children and having this set for them. Set clear homework expectations. Introduce the projects back. Celebration assemblies are now starting again and parents are welcome to attend.
How did parents feel the parents evening had gone.	Nice to see teachers again. 5 minutes wasn't enough Running late so hinder others Generally helpful for parents to establish children's progress. AO explained the difficulty in longer time slots due to the number of children. Parents feel email can be useful when speaking with the teacher. Good opportunity to see the children's work. Parents feel teachers support overall is very good.	If there are any specific issues to discuss these can be done away from parents evenings and alternative times can be arranged.

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Celebration Assemblies not known by all	Parents were not sure if they only knew if their child is used an award	AO confirmed any parent can attend.
Play equipment cannot be used	Elements are not safe yet to use	Contractor will repair shortly, this will be back in use next term.
Road accident outside of school	The traffic can travel at speed, general concern over the policing of the road. Crossing supervision has been reduced over the years due the funding. Hanch place and the difficulty of the traffic.	Contacting local councillors. School have a travel plan and we can raise this again as a school. Road safety refreshers for children.