

Parent Focus Group – March 14th @ 9.00 am – Federation House

Present:

Anthony Orlik (AO)

Deborah Lamont

Imrana Niazi

Ellie Stevenson

Shawkat Chowdhury

Erika Beech

Dionne Hepburn

Ruth Ible

Lynne Baker – Minutes

	AO explained the purpose of the Parent Focus Group.	
Notes from last meeting	<p>An electronic payment option for parents is still being investigated</p> <p>Lunch choices for last class in are still limited. There is not a problem in the Infants as meals are pre-ordered.</p> <p>A representative from Blue Coat Academy will be invited to the next meeting to talk to parents about how Key Stage 2 assessments are used as children move into secondary school.</p> <p>Swimming progress has improved since it has been taught internally. Junior pool will be closing due to expensive maintenance issues and also it is only really suitable for beginners. Year 3 and 4 will be going to the Gala Baths in Walsall while year 5/6 will continue with Queen Marys.</p>	AO
AOB	<p>Forest school at the Infants had very good feedback from parents but they asked for more notification of when it is taking place as texts go out on the day. Could we let them know dates in advance.</p> <p>PTA doing a very good job. Dinosaur Day was very well received in Infants. Also World book Day was very enjoyable.</p> <p>After school clubs - parent asked if children could have a break with a snack. Some clubs allow but others do not.</p> <p>Snow and bad weather. AO stated that the school wants to remain open if possible and it is a very hard decision to make. He understood if parents found it difficult to get the children into school. Parents / carers are responsible for deciding if their journey is unsafe and that their child will therefore be absent. Caretakers do a good job of clearing paths in the school but the street behind the school (Pool /</p>	<p>AO</p> <p>AO to clarify</p>

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	<p>Eldon Street) is not cleared by the council.</p> <p>Transition to Senior school can be very hard for both parents and children. Some of the Junior children who have moved over to BCA have remembered strategies to stand up against bullying with good results which has been down to the support received in the Junior school.</p> <p>Some BCA pupils are dropping litter on their way home after visiting food outlets.</p> <p>Parents have said that drug dealing has been seen in Box Street. AO will notify police if any further information can be taken, i.e. car registration. Children to be reminded again about taking anything from strangers.</p> <p>Ongoing problems with parking, particularly at the Infant school. Suggestions were for parents to make use of the walking bus in the morning, a poster competition for children to highlight the problems and dangers was suggested. AO to ask Governors to speak to council about further measures that could be taken.</p> <p>Crossing patrol still has only one person. Parents could also be asked to cross responsibly.</p> <p>Head lice - letters going out from Infants quite frequently. Are parents treating correctly? Look at wording of letter and mention in the Reception meeting.</p> <p>School trips – disparity in cost for Pupil Premium and other pupils needs explaining. AO possibly to discuss in induction meetings.</p> <p>When weather is bad the Junior school allow children inside before the bell goes but not always at the Infants. Infant staff are not always aware it is raining.</p>	<p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p>
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