

## Parent Forum Minutes - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Apologies

Lesley Kemp, Mrs Heron

### Present

Pat Speed, Carolyn Solkin, Michelle Mageer, Karen Owens, Heidi Smith, Luci Jones, Denise Wright, Clare Boland, Philippa Lewis, Fiona Keffe, Helen Tamburro, Michelle Wilson, Kari Kvamme & Samantha Currie.

Traffic Wardens - Zero tolerance for parking illegally has now been granted around a number of schools in our area. The usual 5 minutes grace has now been abolished. It is NOT illegal to park across someone's drive, although very thoughtless. Therefore the traffic wardens hands are still tied on this. Mrs Speed still receives many emails/photos of parents/carers parking inconsiderately in the surrounding area, especially around Fairfield retirement housing. This is causing many problems for residents and if there was an incident, emergency services would not be able to gain access.

Dog fouling - Sefton Council now have a dedicated team and reporting system. Any fouling please use <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/enviroment-protection/pests,-pollution-and-food-hygiene/report-dog-fouling.aspx> to report. Easily found on Sefton's website.

Mixed year classes - Apologies for confusion from the last meeting. Our current Year 2 cohort will not be mixed until Year 4. This will become a year group of 7 mixed Year3/4 classes. School Governors continue to support KS1 and EYFS remaining as single classes. A parent information evening will take place before this happens.

Family Wellbeing Centres - The old Children Centres are undertaking a huge overhaul and want parents/carers/families to have their say. Information was passed on in forum and details of the survey have been placed on the school website.

Parent classes in emotional wellbeing - these will be run soon on site here. Sefton Council are placing this topic high on the agenda in schools and family centres. Details will follow soon.

Safeguarding - To protect our children, parents and carers are reminded not to use mobile phones on site, not to enter the premises until 3pm at the end of the school day. (Stay on Northern Road) and not to enter the premises unless accompanied by a member of staff or signed in at the main reception area.

Year 1 PE - Parents/carers have been concerned that the children have not been doing PE. They have been doing dance this half term and practice for the Harvest Festival.

Lunches - it has been reported that choices are not always available, children are being rushed through and noise levels are too high. Pat will speak to catering and school staff to address these issues.

Entering/leaving school - After discussion it was decided that the system in place now is the safest for our children. As long as our school community are respectful at the busiest times.

Forum Reps - School website will be updated with everyone moving up a year and nursery parents will be asked to put forward a representative.

Year 6 - will receive an information workshop from Sefton on 30<sup>th</sup> October around staying safe and gang culture.

Telford Trip year 5 - Feedback from parents/carers has been excellent. The staff and enjoyment of the children (although overnight stay had to be cut) has been amazing. We are looking into a residential stay closer to home, which will fit into the curriculum.

Reading for pleasure - Is an initiative being encouraged across the whole school. Being a role-model at home and encouraging your child (even the reluctant readers) to keep experimenting until they find a genre they enjoy. Book swops are taking place in some classes and other reading activities. There is an excellent site <https://www.worldofbooks.com/> where you can buy quality, second hand books.

Football Teams - These are picked fairly in accordance to our Sports Policy. This role has been taken on by Mr Elliott in KS2. The boys/girls have been informed that some players will be asked to play up a year, in tournaments and for school to school competitions.

School Uniform Policy - This will be taken to Governors to review. (Hair being tied back).

Ofsted - The school are now in the window to receive an inspection at anytime. Please encourage families to complete the survey link on the school website to put your views forward about the school, also parent questionnaires will be available to fill in during the parents' evenings.

**Next Meeting Date - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**