



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM

Meeting Title	Parent Forum
Date	3rd Nov 2021
Attendees	Present Staff -Sean Maher, Ailish Southall, Parents Christopher Hart, Matthew Steward, Michele Andrews, Tony Lorenschitz, Colette Wong Feng Yee, Yolande Kurlatov, Amy Lubarda.

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1	Covid updates At the time of the meeting we had 35 students off with Covid, 1 member if support staff and 2 teachers. 60% of students took up the offer of being vaccinated. Nationally the uptake is 40%. All our cases of Covid so far have been mild with no serious complications. There is high uptake of staff who have been doubly vaccinated. We do not need to continue with contact tracing but we are as we believe it helps families to know. We are not allowed to ask sixth form if they have had the vaccine or not so are not aware of actually numbers of who has been vaccinated. The flu jab has recently been offered to all staff. There was a high uptake of this offer. We are not planning to reintroduce masks or bubbles due to wellbeing and the wider community. Covid catch up funding is £10500. Previously we have been focusing on the wider curriculum, wellbeing and pastoral care. We now plan to also look at extra maths and English as part of the catch-up process concentrating on disadvantaged families, children with an EHCP and children with English as a second language. We will look at where the gaps are, offering six week interventions for groups of five children. We will use in school staff due to knowing the children and their skills.	
2	Gender Equalities and Racial Diversity Working Groups We have made two surveys, one for KS3 and KS4 and 5. We will analyse the results once we have all the responses in. We have also surveyed some staff. From the findings we will do more work with the staff and students in this area.	
3	Environmental Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of our development plan is to aim to be more sustainable. • We are looking at rewilding and a tree planting project. • We are getting quotes for electrical vehicle sites • We looked at ground pumps, but they were very expensive. • We have put in more bike racks and are encouraging more children to cycle in to school. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the moment recycling costs us more as a school than throwing things out. We will build this in to our budget in the coming years. We are looking in to changing our lighting and already have a number of movement sensitive lights. 	
4	AOB and requests from parents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are doing a sixth form survey to look at food requests. We already have a policy of using local companies if we can. An information evening for year 11 students and parents to talk about exams, A'levels and sixth form. We all hope trips, including the ski trip, will go ahead this year however children may be asked to take lateral flow tests before they go and while they are away. A risk assessment will be done to plan for how we look after any children that may have to isolate if they were to develop Covid while away. What is the deadline for sixth form applications? Option subjects for GCSEs are generally mixed ability. Parents would like ideas of how to motivate teenagers more. Could the teachers set revision systems for homework to start training the students how to use the evenings when homework is not set productively. Could teachers set differentiated homework perhaps with a challenge section at times 	
	Date of meeting – 16th March, 2022.	