

Minutes: Parent Forum Meeting 3rd October 2018 2:30pm

Attendees: Aisling Stranack (Interim Head Teacher), Charlotte Rawlings (Chair of Governors), Parents (see Parent Sign in sheet)

Areas	Discussions	Actions
RAP Update	<p>Key Theme 1: Raising attainment and accelerating progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHT confirmed that baseline assessment had been carried out for all pupils. Amanda Russell, SENCO has been working in Coaley Academy 1 day per week; There is now a robust system in place for targeting identified gaps & requesting additional support from outside agencies. <p>Key Theme 2: Radiply improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non negotiables for Teaching & Learning was revisited on 3rd September inset day and agreed by all staff. These underpin all lessons. Detailed programme of training & support delivered through staff meetings and additional CPD opportunities including visits from RE, EYFS & English Leader. <p>Key Theme 3: Improve the learning environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Walls are embedded in both classrooms. The Nest, an additional teaching space, has been created in the third classroom. Another skip has been filled! The library has been one of the main focus areas, over 25 boxes of old, tattered books have been removed. A decision has been made to paint the classrooms and corridors. Please let AS know of any reputable local decorators who might be interested in quoting for the work. <p>Key Theme 4: Improving capacity of Leadership and Management throughout the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One teacher has been enrolled in the DGAT Aspirant Leaders course. This is a year course to support and develop leadership strategies. English & Maths Leaders have been registered to attend LA Network Days x 3 each this year. The transition from Interim Governing Body (IGB) to Local Governing Body (LGB) 	<p>Parents to recommend local decorators</p>

	<p>is progressing well. The staff governor role has been filled and one parent governor has been appointed. There is one parent governor space to fill. The transition is on target to be moved to an LGB by February 2019.</p>	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The weekly newsletter is being well received and parents commented that the content keeping them well informed. • IHT shared that FOCS and Coaleyfest Facebook pages are being used to share school events. There is a long term plan to set up a social media medium for the school but the resource isn't in place to support this at present. • The school website is working progress. A vast amount of the content has been reviewed and updated including key policies. The next step is to give the format and aesthetics an upgrade. • Drop ins continue and will be held on the last Monday of every month. The end of the school day timing was popular with parents but a request was made for a slightly earlier start (2:45pm) to allow parents time to fully review work, especially those with siblings. • The Open Door policy was acknowledged, parents felt able to approach the school if they needed to. • New Parents had not appreciated they were invited to the weekly celebration worship on a Friday. • The introduction of Forest School was seen as a positive move, although further information explaining the ethos behind it would be appreciated. 	<p>IHT to prioritise the overhaul of the website. It was agreed that this is a window to the positive change that has occurred and should reflect the new feel of the school.</p> <p>IHT to talk to teachers and ensure parents have enough time to review all children's work at Drop In sessions.</p> <p>IHT to review new starter communication and make sure events that parents are invited to join are clearly highlighted.</p> <p>IHT to provide a detailed explanation about forest school, it's ethos and aims to parents.</p>
Home Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the whole the new approach to home learning has been well received. Parents asked for some more detail/ definitions to support maths homework, acknowledging that the curriculum had changed significantly. • There was a request for clarity around the reading points and confirmation that children with recognised needs had a reasonable opportunity to succeed. • An explanation of how best to support reading at home, for new reception starters, was requested. 	<p>IHT to liaise with Maths lead to provide information for parents supporting maths at home.</p> <p>IHT to revisit the Reading points system and feedback the expectation to achieve points.</p> <p>IHT to liaise with EYFS lead to provide information for supporting home learning to new families.</p>

School Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New PE shirts have mostly been well received. Parents were keen to know when the additional shirts would be in school. A concern regarding children wearing PE Kit into school on PE days was raised. It was felt that an opportunity to teach independence and self-sufficiency as well as time and property management was being missed. These were deemed part of making pupils secondary ready. IHT acknowledged the comments. She shared feedback from the summer questionnaires where parents had supported PE kits being kept at home as they could be washed weekly and monitored to ensure clothes/ shoes were still fitting. IHT recognised that both presented valid points. The Individual and School Photo day falls on a PE day. IHT agreed that children should come to school in their uniform on this occasion and that children will be supported to change into their PE kits. 	<p>T-shirts arrived Monday 5th October and have been distributed</p> <p>IHT to use the newsletter to communicate the change of plan for Friday 19th October.</p>
Celebrating Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Celebration worship is still popular with parents and the newsletter is successfully communicating all that is happening in school each week. IHT highlighted that children are invited to share achievements from outside of school as part of the celebration worship. The school is all about developing the whole child and enjoying their interests from outside the curriculum as well. 	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key events in the school calendar are: Thursday 18th October – end of term disco Sunday 4th November – Fireworks Friday 7th December – Xmas Fayre FOCS would appreciate any volunteers to help. Please make contact directly to offer support. 	<p>IHT to move Celebration Worship to 9am to accommodate the Fayre</p>

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th November 5:00pm