

Minutes: Parent Forum Meeting 26th February 2021 – Via Zoom

Attendees: Richard Lucas (Executive Headteacher), Jackie Astley (School Business Manager), Parents (see Meeting Register)

Areas	Discussions	Action
FOCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent: The committee of Friends of Coaley School have stood down. The annual return for the charity has not yet been completed and there should be a committee in place in order for the charity to continue. Has anyone shown an interest in stepping up to the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer? EHT: Not as yet. FOCS is really important to the school. We need to start with small events. Coaleyfest is a big event and can seem overwhelming to someone who has not organised this before. This is an event the village community could be more involved in. We need to start small and get the ball rolling again. Parent: Yes, Coaleyfest takes up a lot of time although it is a great sense of achievement it is a lot of work and would benefit the village involvement. All the FOCS events are a good social occasion. Such as the firework display, Christmas Fair and discos. They are great for team building. The fireworks are bought and stored ready to be used for the next firework display whenever this can be organised. The event can be as big or small as you want to make it. EHT: Perhaps you could have a FOCS zoom meeting? Parent: This was tried with very little attendance. Parent: It's about sharing the responsibility and is as much as anyone wants to do. It doesn't need to be a lot. We just need to get new people involved. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent: The difficulty at the moment is we are not seeing each other anymore. When lockdown is over we need to reinvent it and relaunch it with a small event such as a cake sale or disco where it will be easy to get involved. • Parent: New families don't know what to expect and we need to get the sense of community back post lockdown. • EHT: Shall we relaunch in the Autumn term? Start off with a disco. We need to hold off on the firework event for this year. In the meantime, could a member of the school team take over trustee of the charity? This is something we could look into to keep FOCS going. • Parent: There's so much uncertainty due to lockdown. In September we can hopefully start a fresh. • Parent: Amazon smile is now up and running. Have the parents been informed? • EHT: Yes, this was advertised in today's newsletter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA to liaise with FOCS
Full School Return – 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent: Are there any changes. Do the children stay in the same bubbles? • EHT: The guidance states we keep the same bubbles with staggered start times. A new addition is hot school dinners and procedures are in place for the distribution to each bubble. • Parents: All agreed hot school dinners were a welcome addition to the school day. • EHT: Staff are wearing masks and being tested twice weekly now. We are looking forward to having everyone back and sometime in the near future to start to fully socialise with everyone again. • Parents: All looking forward to the return. 	

Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EHT: Children are engaging in the remote learning we have in place. We are keeping in contact regularly with all families to ensure they have enough support. Parent: The remote learning is a great improvement to lockdown 1. The teachers are doing an amazing job. Having a combination of live zoom, recorded sessions, online work and the option of paper based work mean we have been given the flexibility to fit it in. Hats off to you all! Parent: To be at home with your child and see their interaction on a zoom call with their class teacher is lovely. That's something we wouldn't usually have the opportunity to see. EHT: Parents wanted more contact and we adapted the learning where needed and try to be flexible and keep in touch with everyone. The combination we hope will help every child engage in the learning, whatever device they have access to. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents: Thank you. Praise given. 	

Next Meeting: TBA