

Spring 2018/19 Parents Meetings Report

On the morning and Evening of Wednesday 13th February 2019 we welcomed 20 parents for coffee, biscuits and discussions. The morning event saw a group discussion led by Ms Curtis. After the discussion, Mr Ittu took parents on a tour of the school. Ms Donachy led the discussions at the evening event.

At both events parents were reminded that the building of a great school is a partnership between staff and parents and that it was important that we heard the views of parents as we continue to improve our school.

Parents at both events expressed their pleasure with the direction the school is taking.

Positives

Parents were positive about the following

- **Academic progress of their children**

Most parent were happy with the progress their children are making in their subjects. Parents whose children are new to English were particularly pleased with their children's acquisition of the English language.

- **Safety of their children**

Parents told us that their children felt safe and well looked after at the school. Parents of children new to the school were particularly happy at how well and quickly their children have settled in.

- **Celebration of the success of pupils**

Parents were happy about the way the school celebrated the success of their children. They love receiving the weekly merits text messages and the star of the week postcards.

- **Enrichment Activities**

Parents were pleased about the number of enrichment activities available at the school. They were happy that children could stay in school till 5.30pm instead of being on the streets. Parents were reminded by Ms Curtis to encourage their children to attend as many enrichment activities as possible as it was good way to discover new interests and make new friends.

- **End of day routines and behaviour after school**

Parents were happy with the new end of day routines and pupils behaviour at the bus stops after school. Parents were encouraged to remind their pupils of the rules of the roads.

Areas for Development

Parents also gave us feedback on the following areas for improvement

- **Homework**

Some parents felt that their children finished their homework too quickly and wanted them to have more challenging work. Parents were advised to contact heads of department directly using the email addressed on the school's website to ask for more work for their children.

- **More information about post 16 and career options for pupils in years 10 and 11**

Parents wanted to have clearer guidance on the options available to their children after year 11 and advise on how they can help their children make the correct right choices for them. It was agreed that the Spring 2 edition of the school newsletter will include detailed information about post 16 options and the school website will also be updated with the same information. It was also agreed that information about the upcoming careers week will be shared with parents and opportunity will be given to interested parents to be on the careers panel to share their experiences with pupils.

- **Road safety signs near the school entrance**

Parents expressed concern about the lack of road safety signs near the school entrance. They thought that this could put pupils safety at risk. It was agreed that the school would contact Brent council about it. Parents were also encouraged to write to the local authority to express their concern.

- **Information about how the school curriculum works**

Parents, especially those new to the country, would like to know

- more about the curriculum
- what grades mean and how they are arrived at
- the target grades of their children and how they can help their children achieve them

It was agreed that this information will be published in subsequent editions of the newsletter and in the parents section of the school website.

- **More regular opportunities for coffee events**

Parents would also like more regular opportunities for meetings like yesterday. The school agreed to explore more opportunities for meetings with parents.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and all the positive and useful feedback given.