

Parents'/Carers' Forum Minutes

Date 13 th October 2017	Time 9am
Chair Rebecca Crist	
Apologies: Samantha Marquis, Julie Robinson, Linda Pickering and Lesley Hendricks.	

Items discussed

This was an informal coffee and chat with the Forum as we have not had a meeting in some months. This being so, there was not a formal set Agenda, however, these Minutes are a summary of the items we discussed.

Attendance: We were few in number for the meeting and hope that those who have not sent apologies are wishing to continue to be part of the Forum. If circumstances have changed and members are not able to continue, please let us know. Julie Robinson has sent her apologies and won't be able to attend meetings for the foreseeable future. We thank her for her contributions to the Forum and wish her well in her new role!

OFSTED: It was discussed that SMA has a pending OFSTED inspection and that as a voice for parents/carers, we would be willing to be involved in discussions with the OFSTED team, to highlight the positives of SMA. This most probably will be early before school and an informal conversation with one of the inspectors. We have updated the contact list which was set up at a previous meeting and we agreed that Allison Cavanagh (from the Office) would contact members of the Forum using the given phone numbers and email addresses, to inform them of the OFSTED inspection date.

Traffic Calming measures: We discussed the success of our campaign to have the speed limit reduced outside school to 20mph and how it was felt that it had improved the safety of pupils and families on Lower Breck Road. It was also noted that Mrs Burrows' and Mrs Byrne's presence on the road has reduced poor parking and improved the safety outside. We would wish to thank them for their hard work!

Behaviour and Home School Link Policies: It was discussed that Miss Cragg and Mrs Hughes wish to attend a future meeting to discuss an Adult Behaviour policy and a Home School Link policy with the Forum. This was acknowledged as a positive idea.

Summer Family Fun Day: A date for this event is pencilled for July 2018 and we discussed how we will be asked to support the event. More discussions will follow in future meetings.

Any Other Business: The early finish on Fridays was discussed and it was thought that it has generally been accepted and not been thought of as a problem for the majority of parents/carers.

Conversation about the school uniform and how children are now positively encouraged to wear the correct shoes and bobbles, through changing into black pumps and having correctly coloured bobbles provided for the day.

Date for diaries: Next meeting will be Friday 1st December 2017, this will coincide with a visit from Stephen Twigg MP.