



Parent's Forum

The first parent forum was held today, Monday 6th March at 9:20am.

In attendance:

Steven Holmes, LA Lead Improvement Adviser

Sarah Atkinson, Headteacher

Glynn Moakes, Chair of Governors

Mrs Mitchell, Parent of Y2 pupil

Ms Robinson, Parent of FS pupil

Mrs Manson, Parent of Y2 & FS pupils

Mrs Jackson, Parent of Y2 pupil

Mr Regan, Parent of Y4 and Y6 pupil

Mr Clavin, Parent of Y6 pupil

Those present were informed that basic information regarding pupil numbers, finance and land ownership has been shared with the Regional School Commissioner (RSC). No further academy information was available. The school position was confirmed as remaining under the Local Authority until such a time as an academy expresses an interest. Parents were assured that as soon as any information regarding a sponsored academy becomes available they will be informed.

Steven Holmes informed those present that a Local Authority Statement of Action has been drawn up. This is a statutory document outlining areas to be addressed following our Ofsted inspection, actions to address said areas with milestones. The milestones are used to hold school leaders & Governors to account. This is not a public document, however it was agreed that the amended, Post Ofsted School Improvement Plan could be summarised and shared with parents. This will follow shortly.

Actions taken to date in order to address the school improvement issues were outlined. These included: re-organising the infant timetable to allow a discreet RWI phonic session to run in addition to a literacy session, a new daily literacy session based around a text which includes lots of talk for writing and is being enjoyed by the infant class, working with the LA Early Years adviser to ensure provision is closely matched to children's needs, re-organising the classroom, auditing & improving the resources available, staff training on effective questioning.

The position of the FS/KS1 teacher was raised however there was no update on the school position regarding this at the present time.

It was clarified that school will not undergo another Ofsted inspection until it is part of an academy.

Anecdotal information was shared in informal discussion regarding academies.

The following issues were raised by a parent unable to attend the meeting:

- Clarification on the position of the KS2 teacher
 - Those present were informed that Miss Pipes would not be returning to the FS/KS1 class as a class teacher. She would, however, in the normal course of her duties as literacy co-ordinator be carrying out lesson monitoring, resource auditing and pupil interviews as appropriate.
- Communication – the frequency & timing of parent forums
 - Those present were asked about the timings of the meetings and expressed a preference for after school, when they have collected children.
 - The frequency of the meetings will be half termly with additional written communications if there is something to report around sponsored academy status.
- Communication – updates on academy status
 - As significant stakeholders, parents will be informed as soon as there is any new information regarding academy status. Standard progress updates will be given half termly at the parent's forum.
- Communication – additional means of communication
 - Written updates will follow a parent forum, however we do have an open door policy so any parent requiring a face to face meeting can always contact the office for an appointment. If you would like a newsletter or update via e-mail please ensure Mrs Gough has an up to date e-mail address

Thank you to all who were able to attend. The next parent forum will be after the Easter break.