

## Parent Forum Meeting 2

01/03/21 5.30pm

### Agenda

- 1.Attendance and apologies
- 2.Individual concern reminder
- 3.Minutes and feedback from previous meeting
- 4.House system identity
- 5.Pupil safety to and from school
- 6.Absence email / contact
7. Parents Evening feedback
8. Communication- The App

AOB

School Clubs

Sixth Form Rules

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1st MARCH**

Matters from last meeting: N/A

Introduction/Purpose of the meeting

Mrs Winters greeted the parents and explained the current guidelines regarding the Covid rules and the wearing of masks in communal areas. Meeting held in theatre so social distancing was adhered to.

Mr Dolman welcomed all the parents to the meeting and explained the purpose of the forum. Also gave a update of key aspects of the current news within the school and date of next meeting. (1<sup>st</sup> march 2022)

Mr Dolman also explained all individual issues specific to an individual child is to be picked up in private after the meeting.

## Items for discussion

Communication could be improved. Postcards have been well received. DD explained that a new app called 'Insight' is being trialled by the school and asked for volunteers in the group who would like to be involved. The app will show information such as timetable, house points, homework, detentions, and will be a way to communicate back to the school.

Uniform – School is looking at forming a 'swap shop' where parents can access uniform other parents have donated. Lynne already runs a Facebook group which supports this kind of initiative which works well so could incorporate this into the idea. DD explained the progress across the trust.

UPDATE - Lynne explained that she has been approached by many year 11 parents and she is following up.

Mr Dolman explained that this is something which Mrs Dyce is keen to push forward with.

General discussion about uniform raised the following points:

(updates shown below)

o Could there be an option for girls to wear ankle boots in the winter months – This was raised at SLT however it was deemed the child could have sturdier shoes and boots were not necessary.

o Girls and Boys uniform – rather being defined as such could there be a unisex uniform i.e. Just one blazer option regardless of it being for a boy or a girl – To school forum – the blazers are available and any child can choose to wear which ever they feel appropriate in agreement with their parents.

o Socks – could there be an option for girls to wear black, white or navy socks? This was raised, however as the boys socks are cobe

o Hot weather – could there be a shorts option for boys? Can teachers be clear that blazers do not need to be worn in hot weather. Could a text be sent to parents to say blazers are not required on a particular day

Parent Evening – Would like face to face meetings to resume as the interaction between the teacher, parent and the child is important although a mix of on line could work too. Is difficult on line when you want to go into detail in a specific subject area but the time runs out with that teacher. Some dates for Parents Eve are late in the year to be finding out issues that should have been addressed earlier

Reports/Mock Results – could a text be sent to say when these have been given to students as often they aren't given to parents

Parents need to be aware that they can email tutors/teachers for help

Year 11 parent's revision evening – Parents would rather attend than be on line although if it can be recorded that can cover all.

Trip communication – Letters for trips could contain more detailed information. Trips will be increased this year and all year groups will experience trips. Enquired about Walesby trip meeting but this is a day trip only this year so not required.

Canteen – Year 7s are not confident in the canteen. Some students are not aware that by going to the canteen later they will miss the large queues. DD to consider how we get this info to students and if Year 7s may need another separate visit to the canteen on their own. Parents need more information on how the fingerprint system works. Check all staff are receiving the message about where students can eat where. Could the menu be available on line or somewhere easy to access. Year 7 gave a tour in form time – follow up on face time of tutors

Tutor time – variation in how tutors run their groups. Not all students know each other in the group and Year 11s need to be supportive. Fun things need to be back on the agenda such as quizzes and cake Fridays. Tutors should have made phone calls to all Year 7 parents by end of this week. Pleased that Year 12 and 13 back in the groups. Now being monitored and moderated to ensure a form

Transition details – could be more information in this, although some parents were happy with the amount of information.

Next meeting; Tuesday 30th November 5.30pm

#### 1) House system identity

DD explained competing interhouse between house carry over to the next meeting – FA cup

Friday quiz – attendance

#### 2) Pupil safety to and from school

DD – complaints about residence, SLT spread out. Behaviour monitored, can cars be stopped during a period of time – DD stated all cars are by prior arrangement and agreement with Morrison's as its safer. Parent stated txt stops it then it creeps back in.

DD mentioned electric scooters – trying to stop them and they are sanctioned but behaviour continues onto high street. Need to work to avoid any accidents

3) Accident reporting on phone – Covid prizes

Parents stated new phone system is confusing and struggling to get through.

- 4) Parents evening feedback face to face 13<sup>th</sup> unless gov guidelines change  
5) Communication – DD calling late but apologising due to the late calls for details around detentions. Text will only allow so many keys – DC said its with IT and a fix is on its way. Staff must stay on top of it – gives parents details of who set it why....etc. also shows child's progress. Parent raised why numbers are different and concerns around safety of child. 24hours notice to keep them...valid reason when they are set or negotiate with parents.

Concern of length of some detentions – DD explained system works

DD reminded it shares good stuff as well as negative

- 6) After school club – good but not sure if they are on or not?? Can comms be improved. DD will feed back and ensure it goes on the website to advise parents – review next meeting  
7) Pledge book – tutor has lost the book – DD advised parent to tell the child to go and see him to get it sorted.

Importance of completing them.

DD to explore feedback around pledge progression

YR 10 mentoring will start early(kick-start) – linked to prom

- 8) Year 8 – no options Ofsted to change the system back to broaden the curriculum – key stages are set. Letter to follow  
9) 6<sup>th</sup> form – concerns around new rules 50/50. no common room – food mess...not quite how it was sold to parents, enrichment? – DC said prep for real world – knock on affect NEXT AGENDA

DD talked around aspirational program and impact of missing work experience due to Covid.

DD explained 2 new models pros and cons discussed.

AOB?

None