

# Parents Voice Minutes

## Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

(Combined 9am and 7pm)

### ATTENDEES

9 Parents

3 Governors

Head Teacher

### AGENDA

1. Review of previous Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. School Uniform Policy
4. Anti-bullying Policy
5. Childcare measures
  - a. Childminders in the village / After school club
6. QR Code for LCSB / Family Link Worker Notice Boards
7. E-safety
8. AOB
  - a. Open Morning 9<sup>th</sup> July – volunteers
  - b. Homework

#### 1. Minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed as a true representation of the meeting and approved.

#### 2. Matters arising

No matters arising

#### 3. School Uniform Policy

The group discussed the current policy and a recommended change was made with regard to adding Culottes as a choice of girl's uniform ((skirt/shorts combination). All agreed it was a good idea to add this to the policy to avoid confusion about whether Culottes are allowed or not.

#### 4. Anti-bullying Policy

The group discussed some minor typos to be made to the policy. These will be fed to Governors with the suggested change to the School Uniform Policy.

#### 5. Childcare Measures

Jo Thom re-capped over the historic attempts to try and set up an after school club at ICPS. New legislation from January 2016 was discussed giving childminders more freedom to operate over two premises, and it was considered valuable in the group, to pass this information onto ABC preschool and child minders in the village through Child Minding Forums.

#### 6. QR Code for LSCB and Family Link Worker notice Boards

Jo Thom explained where the two Family Link Worker Information boards were to be located and it was agreed that these locations were suitable. Outside KS1 main doors and for KS2 the new board will be located along the outside wall, as you turn left inside the school gate.

Safeguarding information, Family Support clinics, etc. will be displayed on these boards, and should parents like to see any specific information displayed, they will let Jo Thom know. Fluorescent card will be used to catch the eye and to avoid the boards becoming wallpaper; some contents will be updated regularly.

When the boards are ready, Jo Thom will send a parent mail to all parents to advertise the location and purpose.

## **7. E-safety**

The E-safety workshop update leaflet was discussed, and it was agreed that this was a valuable update to the meeting held in November. All agreed that it would be good to use these updates throughout the year as they are available, and organise a new workshop every other year. This allows children as well as adults to receive up to date information face to face as they move through the key stages.

## **8. AOB**

### **a. Open Morning 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Mrs Alison asked parents for volunteers to help show visitors around at the open morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Various parents came forward, so a big thank you to them!

At the next Parent Voice meeting, Jo Thom will show the volunteers around the new areas of the school, so that they are confident showing people around themselves on the day. Date of next meeting and walk around to be arranged.

### **b. Homework**

Mrs Alison discussed homework with parents, and a very useful discussion was had regarding whether homework is important, what is the purpose, what homework should we keep, what should the repercussions be if homework is not completed.

Parents expressed their like of homework as it enables them to support their child and help them to practice what they have learned in class. It was agreed that reading, spellings and Mymaths, Spelling Bug were all valuable. Parents suggested a consistent timetable across the year group / school was published to help parents build routine into homework at homework.

Mrs Alison took all suggestions and comments and will use those to shape the future of homework at school, after consultation with teachers and children.

### **c. New Photographer**

Brunswick Photographic presented their leaflets and services with regards to an alternative to Tempest Photographer – in person in the morning, and via Jo Thom in the evening.

On discussion, the group liked the reduced costs and the greater flexibility offered by Brunswick. All parents present felt it was time for a change, and were happy for ICPS to appoint a new photographer for September. It was agreed that at open evening, samples of quality should be made available to parents on display, and also samples of the different styles of class photos to enable parents to vote for the style they would like ICPS to adopt.

Brunswick to be asked the following questions:

- Can they provide quality samples for open evening?
- Can they provide class samples of various style for parents to vote at open evening?
- Can they provide school with little individual and class photos on disc for use on reports?

Jo Thom to feed these questions through to Brunswick.

**END**