

Parents Forum Minutes - 29/1/24



- 8 parents attended, representing different year groups from across the school.
- Mr Astley represented the school.
- Mr Astley thanked parents for coming and explained the purpose of the meetings:
 - o Held once a term
 - o For parents and staff to discuss current issues with school
 - o Chance for open discussion about issues relating to school
 - Not the forum for specific discussions about your own child or certain situations in school / school staff

Point	Discussion
Positives about	Small, community feel of school
Keresley Grange	Communication has improved
, ,	Most teachers know children by name
	Engagement with and from most teachers is good
	 Good opportunities to get into school as parents – Book Looks, assemblies, Friday reading EYFS and KS1
	Children are happy in school
	Children seem to follow rules well and behaviour is good
Things that could	SEND communication
be improved	Maths – 11 Club, 99 Club – what are these? How regularly are they
about Keresley	checked?
Grange	Maths – would like workshops about what is taught and how
	Green peg behaviour communication seems inconsistent
	Messages from teachers – eg emails – inconsistent
	Scheme of learning / curriculum area on website needs updating
	and information about how subjects are delivered (eg blocking /
	taught each week)
	Upload example timetables on website?
	 Food menu for week – could this be attached with weekly newsletter?
	Studybugs messages from office – could these be sent early in morning or later in day? Mr Astley explained that the office are working hard to structure when these are sent but not always easy to send early or late as office not manned at all of these times
	School lunches – some issues with desserts running out on certain days. Mr Astley said he would follow this up with catering team
	 Mad Hatters – lots of changes all at same time with switching to SDH Academy. Parents like new staff in there. Booking system does not seem very useful. Mr Astley explained that we are working with SDH to help with these teething problems
	 Trips – although parents getting more notice than in past, would like more notice and payment plans. Mr Astley said we are working at mapping these out even further in advance and will let parents know asap when they are booked
Communications	Parents have noticed changes and like the regular updates to
newsletter,	Facebook
Studybugs	Parents like the single focus on Keresley Grange now and not on Keresley Newland as well
	New style of newsletter is good and inclusion of key dates is really useful







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	All parents agreed that improvements in communication overall are positive
Events	 Parents like increased chances to get involved in school SEND parents coffee meetings – these are good but change of date last time led to confusion. Parents would like them to be more regular if possible as find them useful. Time for parents meetings – most parents prefer straight after school rather than in morning or later in evening
Behaviour	 Mr Astley explained that while behaviour in school continues to be good, we are working on developing a relationships approach more and so pegs not used as much now. Importance of children knowing impact of their behaviour and trying to correct it Mr Astley explained that a working party of parents could help to develop this – some parents expressed an interest in being involved in this
Uniform	We will have renewed focus on consistency of uniform after half- term and parents will be reminded of the expectation
Reading	 One parent mentioned that it would be good to develop Place Called Perfect as a library which PTA members could help to run. Mr Astley said school were working on plans to look at how we may be able to run a library provision again as in past One parent mentioned that Coventry Building Society can help with readers in school

It was agreed that the next meeting will be after Easter – date set as 20^{th} May at 2pm



