

## Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 2.00pm – via Zoom



### Minutes

Farmer Franks Lane  
Winkleigh  
Devon EX19 8JQ

Mrs V Fenemore

Mrs C Roadnight

Mr R Harper (Gov)

Mrs H Bruce

Mrs C Lill

Mrs D Flowers

	ITEM	LEADER	MINUTES
<b>PROCEDURAL ITEMS</b>			
1	Apologies for absence	VF	None
2	Any plans for camping trip on school grounds? Year 4 in particular.	DF	<p>VF commented that COVID19 guidance has stopped country opening up. School is trying to keep community safe and will not be changing procedures this term. Arranged yr 6 residential, yr5 canoeing trip, skateboarding and circus skills in school already for this term. In the process of organising residential trips for the next academic year. Felt it was important for year 6 to have residential to end their time at Winkleigh. There will possibly be drama workshop before end of term. The priority is upper key stage 2.</p> <p>VF asked if anyone present had any thoughts on this. – DF asked if school have ever done camping on school grounds? No, in the hall not in grounds. It is difficult on site as we are not set up for camping activity outside ie; toilets and wash facilities and school building would have to be kept open.</p> <p>CR trying to arrange family trip for Nursery but it is tricky as venues not opening up fully as yet.</p>
3	How can we include parents in school community?	DF	<p>COVID19 has been present for over a year. Open morning, assemblies, cake sales, Christmas fair etc not able to take place. COVID19 may have changed parent perspective. May want to be involved now? Re-invent community involvement?</p> <p>VF commented that Sports day will probably be recorded as not able to accept visitors in school currently.</p> <p>School may not change current procedures in September. Staff enjoy welcoming children in via the gate in the morning and seeing them home this may not change.</p> <p>Conscious decision in school procedures not to have parents helping on school trips. Children need to be free as these are school activities not family days out.</p> <p>Creates independence and promotes freedom.</p>

			<p>Fund raising is very important and this is a big way for parents to support the school.</p> <p>DF - What would be the plan going forward, parents have different skills and can contribute?</p> <p>VF - Lots of Headteachers saying that they are not going back to having parents in school in the mornings. COVID19 has empowered little people to become independent and resilient. Will have open mornings and assemblies again to celebrate learning in a structured way. But these will have to be in accordance with guidelines and risk assessments.</p> <p>DF – COVID19 has created a bit of a barrier, this is nobodies, fault COVID19 has made things difficult. Not really had lots of contact with teachers.</p> <p>VF - School procedures are managed, everything comes in through admin ensuring quality control. Also protects staff as they do not receive emails in the evening.</p> <p>VF asked opinion on Parents evening – staff felt it was great online, able to talk to parents and spend more time at additional appointments if necessary.</p> <p>HB - yes good as don't have to travel into school.</p> <p>CL - just feel it's not enough time. Maybe spread over a few weeks. Can they pinch time in school time rather than it affect personal time? Enjoyed experience.</p> <p>RH - Governor meetings online – less driving, sat in living room, much easier and more efficient meetings.</p> <p>DF - Ok for secondary age pupils. Difficult for primary as not enough time to discuss. It was impersonal, felt like a barrier and hurried. Concept fine but maybe longer period of time.</p>
4	How does school support families that can't afford trips/extra-curricular activities?	DF	<p>VF – There are a wide range of things that we do. Look separately at every individual. Know our families. Church donated 15 iPads to school to support children, Parish Council donates. Senco knows the needs of individual children and families. Pupil premium used to fund Teaching Assistant support. Generally good uptake on trips. PE clubs currently subsidised by PE Premium to enable participation by all.</p> <p>Generally amazing support from parents. Maybe FOWS gave money to school as a general donation to support families who need help?</p> <p>DF - Do children miss out as parents cannot afford?</p> <p>VF - Previously there may have been some trips that did not take place as parents could not contribute. School cannot stop children going on a trip. But equally if school cannot afford a trip it does not take place. FOWS pay for transport and help with trips, without their support trips would not take place.</p> <p>Is it necessary to have pot of money to support children?</p> <p>RH external trips are so valued and children get so much out of a trip. The give children a rounded experience.</p>
	Date of next meeting	ALL	Once a term. Will be September/October. Date to be sent out in September.

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