

Parent Forum Spring 11/03/21

Invited: DN,MF,LS, GL,KL,JH, MH, DS

Attended: DN,MF, GL,KL, JH, MH

Apologies: LS, DS

Agenda

- Parents responses to remote learning, including Parents Survey
- Parents responses to return to school
- Wellbeing
- Catch-up
- School Diary
- AOB

DN welcome and introduced agenda

Record of conversation

KL – Felt that children's responses were different to first lockdown. Talked about the impact of poorer weather, being stuck inside, completing regular school work.

JH – Challenge not addressed for HA children due to mixed group teaching. MF asked if this improved when separate inputs were delivered for Y5/6 and she said it was better. She also said that extra work was provided but that her daughter was reluctant to complete it because she knew it was extra.

ML – Brilliant! Teachers always there to help.

GL – Teachers were prompt to support and send alternative work when there were technical issues.

All – communication was clear throughout lockdown.

DN – Thanked parents for doing their best in a difficult situation.

JH – Daughter was initially worried but settled back quickly. This was reiterated by other parents.

GL – had spoken to children in school. Some had concerns over LFT and wearing masks as they had older siblings who had to do this in High School. They were relieved returning to find they didn't have to.

KL – Mentioned that a lot of children's knowledge about mental health was from the media and made some of them question their own MH – this would never have happened when MH was not such a focus in the news and community.

DN discussed catch-up, informing that the catch-up strategy is on the school website.

Informed that children have been identified according to immediate need and these groups will be evaluated at the end of the term. Asked if anyone had any concerns.

MH – concerned about the lost learning for y1, especially phonics.

DN explained that phonics will be the focus of catch up for all children in year 1, including catch-up booster groups.

JH – asked if we would be teaching through the summer holidays.

DN – said that we were awaiting further guidance from the government.

DN – informed that we will be trying to continue with our summer programme as much as possible but will have to follow the guidance around gatherings.

School assemblies will be recorded and on the school website to watch until further notice, and we will not be able to invite groups of parents into school for the foreseeable future.

We hope that parent meetings will go ahead as normal in the summer term but cannot promise this.

AOB

JH – Barton Close is much safer now that it is closed to traffic and hopes that this is a change that we will make permanent.

KL – Asked if there will still be class closures when there are positive cases in school. DN informed that we will be continuing to follow the guidance from PH as in the autumn term.

KL – asked about children being immunised. JH said (in her capacity as a health professional) that this was not planned for children under 16.

JH – mentioned that it was important to remember that children's immunity to normal colds and childhood viruses will be reduced as they have not come into contact with them this year. This could have an impact on illness and school attendance next winter.

KL – Had spoken with other parents who felt supported by the wraparound offer.

DN explained structure of wraparound offer.

Actions

Consider differentiated offer if class/school lockdown happens again.

Continue to monitor pupil's wellbeing and support as needed.

Enquire about Barton Close restrictions remaining post Covid.