

Parent Forum

26th April 2017 6pm



Welcome by Mrs Helen Heap, Interim Head Teacher, and Mr Craig, Chair of Governors

Mrs Heap shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Ofsted priority areas and the progress that has been made since January

Priority Area 1 – Safeguarding

- Reviewed policies and risk assessments
- External review has taken place and reviewer has been invited to return to assess impact
- A range of assemblies have taken place focussing on keeping children safe
- Health and Safety review has taken place

Priority Area 2 – Management & Leadership

- Middle Leader training has taken place
- Action plans are in place
- Governors have written an action plan for development and relevant training has taken place
- Pupil progress is being tracked closely

Priority Area 3 - Quality of Teaching

- New assessment tracking system has been introduced
- New curriculum 'Cornerstones' in place
- Lots of staff training has focussed on Teaching & Learning
- Reading scheme has been purchased and is in use
- Systematic teaching of phonics

Priority Area 4 – Development, Behaviour, Welfare & Attendance

- 1% increase in attendance
- Punctuality rates decreasing, increased number of parent support meetings
- Behaviour is calmer around school
- Bullying concerns are dealt with swiftly and fully

Priority Area 5 – Early Years Provision

- Additional training
- Reorganised planning and teaching
- £5000 spent on new resources
- Systematic phonic teaching
- Increased parental involvement

Parent comment – Communication is still an issue as there are only 4 people here

- Letters were sent out before Easter
- Parents Evening was held just before Easter so any issues may have been addressed then

Q – Consistency of teachers is a worry, are you (HH) here to stay?

- Ongoing legal process prevents school from recruiting, hoping for a resolution soon
- Academy order has been served, so until an academy takes over fully, no Trust recruitment can be carried out
- The Trust, staff and parents would like HH to stay

Q – Which academy have been proposed?

- Elliot Foundation Trust – a primary only, supportive trust who will provide support where necessary. They are keen to work with strong leadership
- From September 2017 LA support ceases and school will have to seek support from other schools.
- Being part of the Elliot Foundation Trust will allow the sharing of staff across the group of schools, which will be a benefit in the longer term. They have several successful schools where they can train good quality NQTs

Parent Comment about punctuality – The same people are seen arriving late. Traffic has meant that the school journey has increased by 15 mins due to the M5

- More referrals have been made
- Increased number of parent meetings

Parent comment - Our child is in Y6 and we are happy with the teaching she has received and where she is. We want this to continue for our younger child.

Parent comment – We echo this, both our children have done well, my Son did well in his Yr6 SATs and my daughter did well in the Yr2 SATs.

Parent comment – My child has had sickness and diarrhoea, can't take her to the GP but a letter we have received states the need for a sick note/medical evidence.

- Advice has been sought from attendance advisor
- The advisor is going to health professionals to encourage them to supply evidence for parents to give to school
- AWO could be sent out if attendance percentage is really low
- Burden of proof is the responsibility of parents