

Parents' Forum (Parkham) Notes from the meeting on 1st^h July 2019

(4 parents plus COG and EHT attended).

The Parent Forum, following suggestions from parent's at previous forums, took place at 18.30 however the low level of attendance was disappointing.

To assist with the forthcoming SEF day all present were tasked with listing three positive areas that the federation did well and one negative comment where improvement could be made.

Positive Outcomes

All present considered that the school was performing well and a few of the comments touched on

- Variety of educational opportunities for all students and a rich curriculum
- Caring environment and dedicated staff who know the children well
- Support for individual children
- Teaching and staff ratios
- Strong community engagement
- Polite and respectful children
- Safety of the children

To improve

Opinions varied on the areas which could be improved comprising

- More after school clubs with a focus on clubs being available on the same day for both KS1 and KS2 children. The EHT explained some of the difficulties surrounding this but promised to review the availability. Discussions also took place regarding the use of volunteers to facilitate and run after school clubs and the procedures for becoming a volunteer were outlined.
- Communication. Parents had noticed discrepancies on dates of upcoming events between the newsletter and the school app calendar and this was acknowledged as an issue and it was suggested that future dates would be omitted from the newsletter.
- The topic of Homework was raised with concerns over the amounts being set and it was agreed that any parent with concern over the lack or amount should initially raise this with the class teacher.

KS1 Teacher Situation

EHT and COG confirmed that **no** request for flexible working hours had been received and that the resignation from the position of lead teacher of the Foundation Stage Unit of both schools had been made to help the post holder to make a full recovery from illness by stepping back from the leadership aspects of the role. It was unexpected and will be a loss to the school. The EHT and COG confirmed that they are busy recruiting for a full time senior teacher to teach the class, and to lead Parkham when the EHT not on site and develop Early Years provision across the Federation. Any parent with concerns, questions or comments was invited to speak to the Head teacher.

Future Forums

It was agreed that there would be 3 forums during the next academic year held at Parkham on a Monday with the first to commence at 9.30 with subsequent meetings at 14.30 and 18.30. Dates to be confirmed at the beginning of the new academic year.