

**Parents' Forum (Buckland Brewer) Notes from the meeting on 22.11 17
(7 parents attended plus 1 governor, School Business Manager and the
Headteacher)**

Questions from parents

Arrangements for swimming.

Further discussion around swimming with two parents expressing concern about the cost of transport to the venue when they understand that a grant is available for transport to the Northam Pool. These parents also suggested that there had been a lot of change to the management and quality of instruction

Action: Gina agreed to review the provision by conducting a survey to find out how many children cannot swim the 25 m and then review which children go swimming in the light of this. Also to re look at Northam Pool for 2019 as lessons had already been booked for 2018 at Ruby Oak Park.

After School Clubs

Most parents seem to appreciate the wider range of clubs now offered, but would like to see more all age inclusive clubs including Reception age children.

Some parents said they were willing to pay for the more specialist led clubs as they thought clubs run by teachers and staff should be free.

Action: Gina to survey all parents/ carers to get a wider field of feedback about this provision.

Timings of Gate opening:

A parents asked if a the gate could be open earlier in the afternoon so parents could stand under the shelter when raining.

Gina re affirmed that the gates should not open before 3.20 so that any outdoor lessons can be concluded and children have returned from assembly.

Capacity:

A parent questioned about the future capacity of the school- in particular the hutted classroom.

Gina affirmed that the hutted classroom had a capacity of 30 children with currently 23 children in that class. She also affirmed that governors are having discussions with Devon County Council to explore ways of expanding the school sufficiently to be able to offer every child within catchment area a place in Sept 18. These discussions are in early stages and parents will have opportunity to comment and contribute in the Spring Term when feasibility studies have taken place.