

St John's Keele

Parent Forum

18.10.23

Present – SB, FM, representatives from Rec, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6

Apologies - Y3

Minutes:

- Discussion of minutes from previous parent forum; HT gave an update in relation to before and after school club and timings, and staffing ratios.
- Open discussion with regards to the start of the school day timings and clarity over how this works for parents and staff.
HT clarified that the start of the school day (Lessons begin) is 8:50 but the gates open at 8:30am and children and parents are welcomed on the playground to run around if children like that or stand.... Teachers will greet children at 8:40. Children are a parents' responsibility until they are with their teacher.
At 8:40 gives some time for 'open door' brief chat with a teacher, if messages are needed to be passed on. A longer chat would require a booked appointment with a teacher.
This message will be communicated again to parents.
- Parent pay is now more effective and feedback from parents shows this is positive.
- Parent raised social media and use on St John's face book page – parents would welcome the page to become a Private Community group and that visits and experiences are reported retrospectively. HT explained FB is a public group and cannot be made private as we want other parents to see the wonderful our school does.
- HT explained that all safeguarding policy is adhered to both in and around school.
- Parents from reception class explained that at times children can come out of school and they are not ready to leave (unorganised). HT has noted and will pass the information the reception class teacher.
- HT would welcome thoughts from parents on Hybrid parents evening, in which parents could opt between face to face or online. Representatives will take this idea to parents and feedback.
- Positive feedback in relation to Learn with Me sessions. Parents would welcome a termly session where possible. HT confirmed that school will hold a session in spring term too.
- Positive relationships with new teachers have been formed and parents from Year 2 and Year 4 have reported that children are happy in school.
- HT updated parent forum that a new Communication Policy will soon be sent out to parents, and that parents will read appreciate the charter between school, staff and parents.
- FM to forward written representative introductions to HT.
- Date for next meeting 14.12.23 4:15pm