



Parent Forum Minutes

Date and time: Wednesday 22nd April 14:15-15:00

Attendees:

- Mrs Chalkley (Headteacher)
- Mrs Benjamin (Deputy Headteacher)
- Stephen Bird
- Chris Nevill
- Henrike Grund
- Graham Reed - apologies

Items Discussed from Agenda and

TOPIC	KEY POINTS
Parent View	- Discussed the new Ofsted framework and the grading categories - Urgent Improvement/Needs - Attention/Expected/Strong/Exceptional - Discussed our current view of the school and where our strengths are and those areas that we are working hard to improve. - Cheryl has already shared the changes to the Ofsted framework with the parent body via a video link on the school newsletter - How can the Parent Forum help? - Parents can talk to an inspector on the playground during the inspections - Parent View - a letter will go out to all parents to make them aware that they can give their feedback via Parent View - Some parents can feel this is an opportunity to share grievances with the school - particularly surrounding the behaviour questions - The parents are open to interpretation - Parent Forum ready to share their honest parent views. - When the letter goes out, how can the Parent Forum tap into the wider community to ensure that the strengths of the school are shared? - CN - people being aware that the positives also need sharing - After the inspection, once the Report Card is shared - how can the parent forum share what this means and the implications for the school. - HG - has expertise in analysing data and creating data stories for presentation to stakeholders - how we utilise this expertise at a school. - How can we put what we share on a parent tour into a presentation for parents. To show current parents what has changed and improved since their child has started at Mersham.



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AOB	- Parking - How do we improve it? Can the drop-off window be widened? Can a drop-off zone be created outside the school? How can we utilise the village hall car park be more collaborative - - Front of House - broken safety railings with tape around it - not sure who broke it and therefore who to claim damages from - CC to look into how we can fix it. New sign - could a local business sponsor it? Evegate? Mersham le Hatch? - Martyn's Law - What are the school doing to put this in place? - Cheryl liaising with security companies for further guidance

Agreed actions

ACTION	BY WHOM
Investigate the possibility of using the village hall car park - contact the Parish Council	CN
Email Evegate to explore sponsorship	LB

Alternative funding arrangements for such trips. Arguably an issue of increasing the profile of trying to do things in different ways without expecting the school to do it all

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20th June 2026 @14:15