

Parent Forum Meeting 13.9.16

Present

CB
CH
JN
JK
KS
Miss Stock

Apologies from ML and JH

JH asked to pass on Tuesday's are not possible for JN to attend.

Year 5

Question about the extra hour of PE a week. Parents worried about losing English and Maths time.

Miss Stock confirmed the school has to meet the statutory amount of PE which is two hours a week. One lesson is PE Theory which includes how to stay healthy.

Year 4

Question. Coming into school in the morning is very congested. Parents requested for the Reception gate to be open to allow those parents to go in to ease congestion. Lots of discussion about using designated areas for parents to stand.

Miss Stock agreed to raise the concern in the newsletter and ask parents for suggestions.

Year 2

Children are being knocked over by the Year 1 parents. Parents suggested Year 2 children to go into Year 2 door which would ease up Year 1.

New parents are not able to meet other parents. Should there be designated areas? Could Years 5-6 leave by swimming pool side exit?

CB suggested parents to leave as soon as they have dropped their children off.

JK - Bike sheds needs moving to allow for more room. KS asked if the hut could be removed. A few parents asked if they have a child in Reception and other year groups who to collect. Parents suggested asking eldest child to come and meet them.

JK – Can Swimming helpers who have helped previously to be contacted personally to prompt them in addition to the teacher's letter at the start of term.

CB - Maths meeting at ORA last night. Purpose for parents to understand what their children are studying in Maths. JK to send slide show. Miss Stock to discuss with Mr Russ and offer a similar information evening for parents.

KS - Main issue is a child not being sent home when she was sick.

One parent thinks that the school is keeping children in to make attendance higher. Parents discussed how if the school kept in children who had genuine vomiting illnesses this would reduce attendance in the long run.

Miss Stock showed the parents the guidance from Essex, the government and the NHS (Public Health England) and the traffic light system the school has to follow when considering whether a child should be sent home. Section three gives specific guidance on what schools are obliged to do when dealing with Diarrhoea and vomiting illnesses. The school cannot send children home without justifiable reason. Parents accepted that there is strict guidance and asked for Miss Stock to include an explanation of this in the newsletter so parents can understand when children should be sent home after being sick and when not.

No concerns in Year 6.