

Parent Forum Minutes – 17th December 2019

Present:

Kelly Stock

Hayley Howard

Jo King

Jenny Nicholls

Claire McCormick

Kaylee Seymour

Relationships and Health Education

Miss Stock received 2 letters and 1 e-mail with different views.

Mrs McCormick received 2 views verbally from parents in Year 2 and 2 parents from Year 6.

7 responses in total – 6 in favour and 1 against.

Quotes from letters received: 1

In the world of #metoo I think we all have a responsibility to educate young people. Year 6 is appropriate.

It is hard for some parents to initiate these conversations and they may not feel equipped to do so. Parents can find it hard to think of their children becoming sexually active. We must assume that a lot of families are just not having these conversations and if it cannot happen at home it has to happen somewhere. If the conversations are not happening, then we are failing our children.

Young people need to understand about what consent means, the legal age of consent, what would be an inappropriate relationship, how to recognise if someone is trying to groom them, contraception, what a healthy vs abusive relationship is, sexual infections and how to protect yourself. I think parents worry that educating young people about these issues makes them decide to be sexually active at a younger age. I think young people need to be given the tools to help them make good choices and to have safe and appropriate relationships that are not exploitative. You need to start the education early.

Letter 2

I want my child to stay a child and not be told anything that I feel is clearly for an older mind.

Action – Miss Stock to draft a letter to parents for a vote on the new Relationships, Sex & Health Education and we will go with the majority vote – this will then be taken to Governors for a final decision.

County Lines – Year 6

Miss Stock raised concerns regarding drug problems in the surrounding local area and how some children are exposed in their own homes. Unfortunately this is becoming more 'normal' for children with drug use in the home who think this is a perfectly normal thing to do. Social media is very easy to get caught up in as a lot of children are using this nowadays and may easily become victims to county lines.

Parent Forum Vacancies

Parent Forum have selected 2 new members to join Reception and Year 1.

Action - confirmation will be sent to new members in the New Year.

Homework – Year 6

Parents in Year 6 feel there is too much homework for children and it is putting too much pressure. Parents feel sometimes this can affect their mental wellbeing.

Miss Stock advised all homework is age appropriate and teachers work extremely hard to help children and set them up ready for secondary school. Children are helped to build resilience and determination but we do not want any children suffering from anxiety. Children need to be open with teachers if they are struggling and parents need to raise any issues with class teachers.

2 Johns

Mrs McCormick mentioned parents are very eager for the 2 Johns to come back into school for parents and children as they find this extremely helpful.

Miss Stock had not planned this due to not many people turning up last 3 times and it being very expensive to run.

Parent forum also mentioned there is a Facebook page which parents can join to keep up to date with any information - [EST E-safety training](#)

Panto

Children had a wonderful time at Panto this year all comments from parents were very positive!

Closing comments

Miss Stock thanked Parent Forum and wished them a Happy Christmas and New Year!

Next meeting to be confirmed in the New Year.