

## **Minutes Parents' Forum (17.05.17)**

### **Uniform**

Possibility of SISA taking ownership of the collection of the old uniform

Dr Craig presented issue around uniform:

- Visual change for the school and restore a sense of pride to the school and in the local community
- Positive impact on behaviour and aspirations expected
- The school have taken swift steps to manage implementation
- Specific offer of financial responsibility (£10 gesture, blazer and tie = additional costs, 30 income requests to date, all emails have been sent to Dr Craig, some parents have expressed concern others support (range of emails), non-financial assistance correspondence (17 trousers, 3 one set of uniform, 2 blazers, 1 number of things)

The Green School Shop has sourced trousers from alternative retailers which match Price and Buckland and these have been approved by the school. Parents are not all aware of this at the moment.

Priorities arising from the discussion include consistency of uniform and staff policing this appropriately. Parents are also responsible for ensuring that they adhere to the school uniform policy. Other priorities discussed included:

- What happens when the school uniform does not turn up from suppliers on time?
- What sanctions will be put in place when a child is wearing the wrong uniform?

School are keen to give parents a choice regarding trousers and have looked into alternatives including from Marks and Spencers and Tesco.

Dr Craig will issue a parent mail imminently regarding choice of trousers and also to clarify that multiple pairs of trousers can be purchased; it is just the badged items (jumper and blazer) and tie which students will only be able to have one of initially.

Concerns raised from Carolynne regarding insistence from school regarding wearing of blazers and medical issues arising from this – particular concerns with polyester fabric. Repeated additional concerns about heat and being able to take blazers off as appropriate.

School is willing to be reasonable regarding children with individual needs. Individual parents must approach the school.

The change of uniform needs to be shared with all feeder primary schools.

### **Future of SISA**

- A SISA meeting was held after the last parent forum meeting – it was only attended by members of the existing committee.
- SISA would like to look forward to the upcoming year. Parent's forum continues to be a success, sprucing up the school will continue to run but social committee and events section has not worked out and will not continue.
- Possible rehoming the old uniform (will need a working group)
- 100 club runs quietly in the background
- Need a chair, secretary and treasurer – is there anybody who would like to step up?
- Could parent forum run as SISA and issues raised regarding be brought up at parent forum? John has raised concerns about parent forum chair also taking on SISA responsibilities.
- Other responsibility could be to scale website down and just communicate through email.

- Adrian will hold the post of chair of SISA in the interim and this will be an agenda item for the Autumn term parents' forum.
- 13<sup>th</sup> July =Year 6 into Year 7 parents evening (new parents) and parents' forum will be advertised

### Parent Forum Chair

John will be stepping down at the next meeting (end of summer term).

The forum is fairly well set up but needs to be moved forward with fresh ideas. Main duties are communicating with Alan regarding agenda items and sending this out on the parentmail / social media (Anthony).

Proposal – John to chair end of year and Zoe will chair the autumn term one if nobody else has stepped forward. Advertise

### Reports

Reports were felt to be satisfactory or less than satisfactory (annual reports to parents) and school is considering a new approach which will be more data based than what is currently on G4S.

Pathways model shared by Alan new for September 2017.

### Agenda

- Go4schools agenda item to be carried over (including reports)
- Jo would like to discuss the canteen (theft and healthy choices) at the next meeting and vending machines