

## Parent Voice 19.1.18

### Present – 16 parents. Mr Irving (HoA) and Mrs Adamson (Lead behaviour and attendance)

Matters arising from previous meeting and updates:

- Breakfast club continues to thrive. Well over sixty pupils attend once the Walking Bus has returned. Parents and carers are welcome to come and see what we do. They just need to book a day so we know they are coming
- Car Park – Remains a serious issue. Please see new challenges
- Footballs – rules not consistently applied. Mr Irving said that they were that no balls come from home. The academy will provide balls. This will be re-shared with staff. The issue around pupils playing before school seems to be resolved as they are happily using the MUGA opposite the front yard
- After school clubs. Lots of parents/carers have to wait on the yard for an hour as it's too far to go home and come back. Can parents/carers use SPARKS whilst clubs are on? Yes, we will trial this. The room must be kept clean and tidy.
- Homework books – now rolled out across the academy. Is there a box/tray in each classroom for pupils to put homework in once it is complete?
- Y3 handover to parents at the end of the day. Very busy exit. Discussed and parents, alongside Mr I and Mrs A agreed that they should still be handed over at the end of the day
- Uniform – Parents very unhappy about the quality. Mr I said that we now have a new supplier. We will get the details out to parents asap. Mr I also said that the academy will pay half towards each Y6 jumper as they were particularly poor in quality.
- Headlice – Still an issue. Always an issue. A parent suggested a specific headlice policy. Mr I said this was a good idea and will get that organised. Mrs A said that information on free lotions will be included on newsletters.

### New challenges

- Black shoes is part of the uniform policy. However, there are still some pupils not wearing black shoes. This isn't fair. Mr I stated that he agreed. Although most adhered to the policy, there were still some families who don't send their children to school in black shoes. He is aware of this, and the academy will be addressing the issue
- Car park – this is causing a major concern. It is too busy in the mornings. On top of the parents and carers and also deliveries, there are now big vehicles concerned with construction parking down there. What can be done? Parents debated for a while. One idea would be to start a petition for parents and carers. Mr I said that MP Diana Johnson was coming to the academy soon and so he will discuss the subject with her. In the meantime, Mr I will remind pupils regularly about staying safe in and around the area
- Boosters for Y6. They are twice a week. Some parents are finding it very difficult to accommodate this because of other commitments after school with their children and also family life. Mr I responded that he agreed that life can be busy and he understands entirely. There are various options available for extended days. We can have before school, lunchtime, or after school. He will talk with Y6. After discussion, one possible way forward might be for pupils to choose for one session. Eg Monday could be either 7.45 – 8.45 OR 3pm-4pm. The other session would be after school. OR half and half. 30 minutes at lunch and 30 minutes after school.

Options will be explored.

- **Booster trip to Alton Towers (Or flamingo Land) Incentive or threat?** There was great debate amongst parents/carers about this subject. Opinion was divided. Mr I said that it was an incentive, a treat for working hard and attending the boosters. It was greed that it should be articulated as such by all academy staff, so pupils knew and understood. It is a reward for something they have done. (Rather than exclusion for something they haven't done)
- **Trips. Y2 haven't been on a trip since RSPCA early on last year.** Mr I said he would get this sorted out asap
- **The Hull FC pass didn't work out as planned. How about a £5 book voucher chosen at random for star of the week?** We will explore
- **Singing assembly – can parents be invited? 1 year group's parents each week?** Yes, happy for this to happen. This will begin after half term
- **Parents' workshops – mental health, bullying, curriculum, e-safety, behaviour (restorative practice) Please can we have some?** Yes, let's do this in the Summer Term
- **Website – It's not clear and we'd like to see more of the pupils on there.** We will look and check what is statutory and what we can take away and what we can add
- **New uniform supplier – Information on this please**
- **Lunchtimes – still some work to be done around this.** Mrs A said that she is out every lunch and mostly Mrs M-Wr or Mr I were out. We do need the equipment replenishing though. It's not as nice as in the summer when pupils can play on the field, understood.
- **Twitter – not all classes are tweeting. Why not?** Mr I explained that there was no reason not to. He would talk with staff about this.