

MINUTES OF PARENTS FORUM
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 6.45pm on Teams**In attendance: -**

Parents: Jessica Kitt, Mr and Mrs Halsall, Julia Hochbach, Helena Lindley, Jayne Neal, Vivian Olaifa, Amy Stelman, Helen Harding-Male, Ms Ahamada, Fern Richardson, Barbara Sansom, Sarah East, Mim Christensen and Silvia Aldaz Casanova.

Staff: Mark Askew (MA) – Headteacher and Charlotte James (CJ) – Deputy Headteacher and SENCO

Governors: Stuart Wood (SW) – Chair and Chris Lindley (Parent Governor)

Welcome

SW welcomed parents, acknowledging the time change due to the England Euro 2020 Football match that was on that evening.

E-Safety

MA shared a presentation concerning E-safety. He highlighted the importance of this area and how the school had been working to improve the education of the pupils in this regard, but also providing resources to the wider community – staff, parents and governors.

MA showed the resources that are available through the National Online Safety website. It was thanks to the hard work of Mrs Nicholls and the staff, that the school had achieved accreditation at the bronze level.

MA noted that the credits awarded to the school through staff, parents and governors accessing the online training resets at the start of each Academic year, and so come September, we will need all parties to redo their training. We also are hoping and aiming for a greater take up, particularly from the parental community, as this issue is so important.

Further information would be provided through ParentMail and newsletters at the start of the new Academic year.

SW thanked MA for his presentation.

Nurture Provision

CJ shared a presentation about the new Nurture provision planned for the new Academic year. She outlined the rationale behind this new provision, and detailed the process to implement this, that the LGB had approved. She thanked the PTFA and all involved in the raising of the finances to furnish this new area.

SW thanked CJ for her hard work in leading on this important work.

Governor Updates

SW updated parents that there were now 11 members on the governing body with one vacancy.

Anglian Learning Trust Update

SW reported that the FD LGB had been asked to be involved in developing the new LGB for the Marleigh Academy. There would be more information coming out in the Autumn.

Ofsted

It was noted that we were anticipating an Ofsted inspection during the next Academic year. As a result, the school was preparing for this – staff, and governors. SW reminded parents about logging feedback via Parent View – which is one way that Ofsted gather information about the school.

Transitions

MA spoke briefly about how the school was preparing for the various transitions this year, bearing in mind that the usual visits were not going to be feasible due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Close

SW advised that the school remained committed to parental engagement and would like to continue to hold termly Parents Forum. Dates would be issued in due course for the new Academic year.

Parents were thanked for attending the meeting which closed at 7.30pm