

PARENT FORUM 11.5.18 - minutes

7 parents attended to meet with Mrs Lovelock.

One of our parent governors attended.

1. The Head shared a letter that had been published in the Comet last week written by a motorist who uses Almonds Lane. The letter implied that some parents were not looking after their younger children when talking outside of the school in the morning leading to safety issues. Parents attending recognised that it is always busy outside of a school but they had not witnessed young children being allowed to go into the road.
2. Mrs Lovelock invited parents attending, to view the 'drop off' and explained the school risk assessment and procedures that have been drafted for its use. Mrs Lovelock invited comments from parents to further inform this process.
3. Mrs Lovelock explained the role of governors and Mrs Smith (parent governor) talked about her experience in this role. Mrs Lovelock invited those present to talk to others – either parents or members of the local community if they show interest in the governor role and signpost them to Mrs Lovelock or Mrs Smith for any further information.
4. A parent asked about clubs and if the school used outside agencies other than Rising Stars. Mrs Lovelock explained that in the past the school has not done this as school has tried to offer clubs run by staff that are free, therefore accessible to all. Parents present felt that there may be enough interest for parents to pay for more specialist clubs - possibly music related, the filming club organised previously and other more specialist sports clubs or technology clubs.
5. A parent asked about music in the school curriculum and Mrs Lovelock explained how lessons are taught. The school currently has 2 peripatetic music teachers. It was suggested the school might look into music tuition after school.
6. Mrs Lovelock spoke with parents regarding recruitment of volunteers for Friend of Almond Hill. Numbers for the committee have dwindled. Mrs Lovelock asked parents if they felt a move towards class reps might work better with many parents working. Parents present felt this was worth trying. There was some discussion regarding possible organisation of the summer fete and what parents and pupils may find attractive.

Next Parent Forum after half term Tuesday 3rd July at 9.15am