

St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.

PARENT FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2021

AGENDA

1. **PRESENT:** Mr Hobson, Miss Rosson, Dr Rose (Year 1 and Year 4), Mrs Dale (Year 3 and Year 5) and Mrs Owen (Year 1)
2. **APOLOGIES**
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - N/A due to length of time
4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE PARENT FORUM:** Miss Rosson shared the Terms of Reference for Parents Forum.

WHAT IS THE PARENT FORUM?

The parent forum at St Anne's is an opportunity for the school and parents to get together and constructively talk about the issues of the moment from a school perspective and a parent's one.

WHO IS ON IT?

A member of staff; a governor representative; and the aim is to have a parent representative from each class.

WHY DO WE HAVE A PARENT FORUM?

The parent forum will provide a method of communication with parents and the school that is open and actively seeks the views of both parties. Meetings will be a genuine opportunity for open discussion about the organisational features of the school that matters most to parents and their children.

WHAT DO WE 'CHAT ABOUT'?

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The meetings will be divided into 3 sections:

- Updates on.....this will give the forum an opportunity to review things discussed at the previous meeting
- Views on.....items raised at this point will normally be generated by the school and ones that the school would welcome parent views about
- Discussion.....these will be items raised by the parents.

HOW DOES THE INFORMATION GET SHARED?

Minutes will be e-mailed to all members of the parent forum and the Head Teacher. These will then be available for all on the website.

HOW ACTIVE ARE MEMBERS?

Meetings will be held once a term.

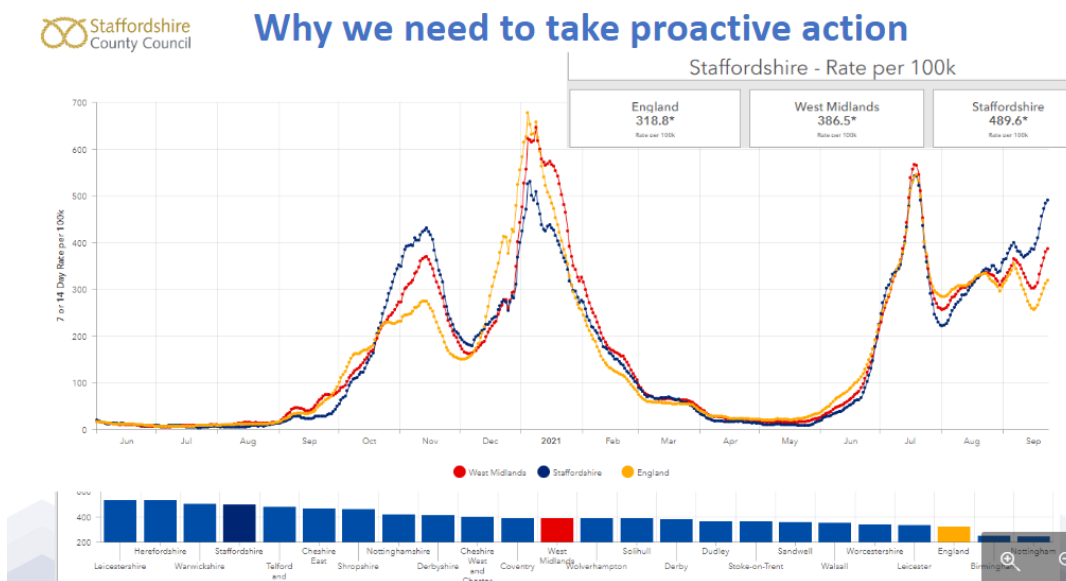
HOW DOES MEMBERSHIP EVOLVE?

Ideally all classes will have a parent representative on the parent forum.

Please note that all issues, whether raised by a member of the forum should be general issues, not related to a specific child or incident.

5. FACE COVERINGS / COVID

Mr Hobson discussed about how COVID bubbles/clouds are back in school due to Staffordshire rates being incredibly high. Mr Hobson showed the graph:



Mr Hobson discussed how staff wear masks in school and why parents are asked to wear masks on the playground due to the different turn around points are in quick succession. Dr Rose asked about the Year 4 trip wearing a mask and now not wearing a mask. Mr Hobson discussed how in the summer the guidance was children have to wear a mask. He discussed how the coach company were happy for the children not to wear a mask as the windows can be open as it is quite a long time to be on the coach. Mr Hobson discussed how he was at the Headteachers' Update and these measures will be in place for October half term but things might be slightly

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different after half term. An example of this might be that parents have the option if they want to wear a mask on the playground and would not be enforced. Mr Hobson discussed how in the Sentinel report this was not showing all the information that had been given to Headteachers and was something that Mr Hobson had spoken to Staffordshire about.

6. KIDS CLUB PRICING

Mr Hobson shared the kids club pricing comparison with different schools in the local area.

KIDS CLUB PRICING COMPARISON

| SCHOOL DETAILS | MORNING | AFTERNOON |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| St Anne's | 7.30 £8 / £6 | £6 / £8 / £10 |
| School A Congleton | 7.00 £7 / £5.50 | £10 flat rate |
| School B Leek | 8.00 £7 / £5 | £7 flat rate |
| School C Stoke | 7.30 £2 | £2 / £4 / £6 |
| School D Newcastle | 7.45 £5 | £4 / £8 / £11 |
| School E Stone | 7.45 £5 | £5 / £10 / £12 |

Mr Hobson discussed how in the summer there was a letter sent out about the cost of Kids Club but there was no response from this letter. Mr Hobson discussed how during the Covid times Kids Club was working at a loss as lots of parents were working from home. However, now Kids Club is working at much higher levels. Something that has been suggested is a sibling discount - this is something that has not been discussed with Governors before and is something that can be raised during a Governors meeting. Mrs Dale discussed about the price of it and that there is a great need for Kids Club as parents really need it. Mr Hobson discussed how staffing could increase due to higher levels of children attending and supporting the provision to be better. Mrs Owen discussed about what involves in Kids Club. Mr Hobson discussed about what activities that might be in place for them. For example: Craft, snooker activities, fed up, homework ideas and the different themed evenings.

7. LUNCHTIME MEALS

Staffordshire County Council have sub contracted the School Meals to Chartwells. Linda, Sharon and Sarah are employed by Chartwells. It was suggested as an agenda piece as some of the meals were not available and some of the meals are not appealing. Chartwells would mention it to the kitchen staff to make sure that this does not happen. The throw away food register that Mr Hobson has checked over the last week proves there was enough food and that is on offer. Dr Rose discussed that overall the children are happy with the food. However, the pizza is not always vegetable pizza and the menu does not always follow what it says it is going to be. Mr Hobson talked about how the menu - work is needed to make sure that is more child friendly. Mrs Dale mentioned that the themed sessions come too late to have it on Parent Pay. Sometimes the late changes are not happy. Mr Hobson talked about the supply issues recently has meant that some of the menu is not the same as advertised

8. HOMEWORK

Always a tricky one to discuss. We will always have parents that want more homework and some parents who want less homework. It was not about the quantity of homework is more about the *St Anne's C.E (V.C.) Primary School, Brown Edge, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire ST6 8TA*

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marking of the homework. As staff we do not know about how much input the children have had. Mr Hobson discussed about how it is a good ethos about getting the children to do the homework. Mr Hobson discussed about how this would be acknowledged of their work done. Mrs Dale discussed how there was a difference between the Year groups expectations and about the quantity of what is set. Dr. Rose is noticing a lot of the weekend is spent doing the homework. Really support the opportunities for the topic (for example big topic activities) and more creativity with the writing rather than a worksheet. Mr Hobson discussed that it is really important that there is consistency the Year groups and would be discussed at staff meetings. Mrs Owen also wanted to acknowledge if there is a way for us to get the children enthusiastic about reading. Also nice to see how Year 1 have introduced spellings following the system in the higher year groups. Mr Hobson discussed how this would be discussed at staff meeting and reported back at the next Parent Forum.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be a date in January.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr Rose discussed how appreciative lots of parents are at the school with everything that they put in place to make the children well - rounded individuals.

Actions:

- Sibling discount at Kids Club
- Special meal days and for any changes to the menu allow enough time for parents to sign up.
- Homework policy to be discussed with members of staff to make sure consistency.

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