

Below are the main points raised at the most recent Parent Forum, held on Tuesday 26th September.

Mr Monti will run through these points at the start of the next meeting in December.

- Some of the younger children (Y3/4) feel nervous using the toilets situated near the main reception area as they are sometimes populated by older children. *Midday supervisors will patrol the area and Big Buddies will be on hand should any younger children feel nervous.*
- Some Squirrel class parents felt communication regarding the absence of staff at the beginning of term could have been clearer. Improved communication sought in respect of asking parents/carers to provide alternative ingredients for children with food intolerances so they can be fully included in lessons. *Staff informed.*
- Shelter around the Australia block was discussed. *Mrs Treadwell will lead her class down the corridor in the event of heavy rain and dismiss pupils one by one from the main entrance as other form tutors do from their classrooms.*
- Parents and carers appreciated Ms Flynn's letter suggesting drop-off of pupils in the morning. It was suggested that a diagram would have helped make this clearer.
- Lunchtime / after school clubs: It would be good if more clubs were available, especially in Year 4. *We are working on this!*
- Parent Mail – Some felt parents/carers without computers were at a disadvantage as parents/carers who have these facilities are able to reply to the school faster and therefore snap up club places first. *In the event of clubs being oversubscribed, it has been suggested to staff that names are drawn out rather than allocate places on a first come, first served basis.*
- Parent Mail – It was suggested the Academy investigate in the digital signature facility on Parent Mail to facilitate an instant response and cut down on printing costs. Also, it was felt this will help those parents/carers who do not have printers at home. *The Academy is looking into this.*

- Book Covers –some are missing from exercise books. As these have been purchased by parents/carers it was suggested pupils take them home for the summer holiday period.
- Concern was expressed regarding the amount of traffic and illegal parking at the Mead End site. Discussed the traffic calming measures due to take place during the October half term – some parents/carers felt this will hinder not help the current situation. Parents suggested taking photographs of illegally parked vehicles and sending these to the council. In addition, a request was made for duty staff to ensure they remain visible until 3.45. In light of the recent ‘Stranger Danger’ letter sent out by the Academy, can duty staff escort any children who are still waiting for lifts to the top of the drive at the end of their duty. *Staff informed.*
- Some parents received ‘welcome’ telephone calls from the child’s new form tutors which went down well. However, some did not and some parents with children in the same class did not receive welcome calls when others did. *Staff informed.*
- Class Dojo – parents/carers enquired when they would be linked into this. *To be advised.*
- Suggestion was made about Year 2 pupils accessing the building via the ramp near the library to reduce congestion in that area. *Staff informed.*
- Homework – can child-friendly websites and links be provided to avoid some pupils looking at inappropriate sites when researching home learning tasks? *Staff informed.*
- Assemblies – can we ensure afternoon assemblies finish on time as there have been a couple of occasions when they have finished late. *Staff informed.*
- Y3 pupils who attend lunchtime clubs at 12.40 do not actually know when 12.40 is. Can someone collect them from the playground at this time? *Pupils will be called from the playground.*
- Pasta King lunch available for Yrs 1 and 2, plus Yrs 5 to 8, but not Yrs 3 & 4. Many pupils would like to have the same choice as other children. *To be advised.*
- Lunchtime in the hall – *Mr Monti will speak to midday supervisory staff*
- Some parents feel the nurturing side has disappeared in Yrs 3 & 4. Will the playground have markings for games? *Playground markings have now been added. We hope you like them as much as the children do!*
- Can Y7/8 use the Quad for quiet/reflection times during break/lunchtimes? *Pupils who sit quietly will be allowed in the area at lunchtime at the discretion of Mr Monti*
- 100% attendance – class receives a treat in respect of a non-uniform day – what about pupils who achieve 100% attendance in classes that do not meet the target? *This is currently under review.*

- Earrings – what constitutes a stud earring (flat/ball?) Inconsistencies in what staff are saying. Can we include photographs in our next uniform sheet? *Full details will be published in future bulletins. In the meantime, stud earrings are acceptable*
- Multi-Active
 - Den holiday club used to open from 8.45 to 3.30, now with M/A it is 9 to 4. *There is an option for children to stay from 8am to 5pm. Please check the Multi-Active website for more details*
 - Afternoon snack used to consist of beans on toast, crumpets etc., now with Multi-Active snacks are either biscuits or crackers with Marmite spread. *Menus will be displayed in the entrance of the SSA block. Typical menu will include beans on toast, vegetable rice, pitta sandwiches, soup with bread and couscous.*
- Football boots – some parents have bought boots for children that have never been used. *PE department advised.*
- Some concern was expressed about pupils bringing sweets in to share with the class when it is their birthday. As a healthy school it was suggested the Academy should promote healthy eating and children should be encouraged to bring in stickers or cheap toys instead to distribute on their birthday. *We are currently looking into healthy eating and nutrition. Assemblies and a healthy eating cake sale are some of the initiatives we have planned to promote healthy eating.*