



Federation Parents' Forum – 27th November 2019

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

No outstanding actions. The final Federation Development Plan has been approved by governors and will be uploaded to the schools' websites.

Apologies were given for not trialling an evening forum in September. The date was too early in the term to get information out to new parents and there has not been an opportunity to reschedule this term with the number of after school staff meetings, governor meetings, parents' evenings, etc.

2. Behaviour and Well-being

The updated behaviour policy was shared with parents. This is available on the 'policies' page of both schools' websites. Mrs Oakley explained that the policy was updated by staff and governors following feedback from parent and staff surveys, and governor interviews with pupils in the summer. The policy is setting the expectation for behaviour across the federation and focuses on praising positive behaviour. Where there is negative behaviour, the focus is on the inappropriate behaviour the child is exhibiting, not the child themselves. Miss Woodland explained that the policy is still being embedded and that it links to the Learning Charter that is part of the Jigsaw PSHE programme that both schools are using. The Jigsaw programme meets the new relationships and health education requirements from September 2020 and addresses current issues that children are experiencing (social media, internet safety, body image) at an age appropriate level. It also taps into mindfulness and well-being. *Parent asked how staff enforce the policy if poor behaviour is from the same child or group of children.* Mrs Anderson explained that the schools have a zero-tolerance policy regarding inappropriate behaviour. Priority is given to praising good behaviour. Where inappropriate behaviour occurs, the child/ren are spoken to by a member of staff/leadership and will receive an appropriate sanction such as giving an apology, missing time off morning or lunch break, losing a privilege. For repeated behaviour, the school will use strategies beyond the policy and where necessary engage in support from external agencies. Exclusions are only used as a last resort. Parents said that Dojo points were positive and working. *Parent asked what the school can do about inappropriate behaviour from parents.* The schools' Code of Conduct has been reshared with parents this term. Where an incident occurs, leadership will have a conversation with the parent. Unfortunately, we are finding that some of our more vulnerable families are not getting the support they need outside of school. Leadership try to build good relationships with families and reception 'stay and play' sessions at Littlehaven are being well attended which leaders hope will increase parental engagement as children move through the schools. *Parent asked whether there is parent learning for families.* Miss Woodland said that there are a number of courses run locally for parents which they encourage target families to attend. Parent asked whether a parent buddying scheme would work. Discussion about this and how positive parental behaviour could be promoted. Agreed the children will do a letter.

For information, there is an emotional well-being page under the 'parents' tab on the websites with links to Jigsaw and organisations that offer support.



3. AOB

Parent asked if parents could do anything more to help. Suggested that a list could be put together of parents that may be able to offer support to the schools.

Mrs Oakley let parents know that the schools have been notified that they will be used for polling on 7th May 2020 (for the Police Commissioner Election) as well as the 12th December. The governing body have written in response as they are concerned about the impact on learning and the welfare of Year 6 as the 7th May election is the week before SATs and the 8th May is a bank holiday. The governing body have asked if WSCC could look once again at alternatives to our schools or at least consider for the May election that just Littlehaven is used to minimise the impact on Year 6. The letter has been copied to the local MP and interim director of WSCC Children's Services. A parent said that they have already written to the local MP about the schools being used as polling stations.

Parents expressed thanks to leaders for all that they are doing.

Thank you to the parents who attended the forum. The next one will be held in the spring term at Littlehaven (date to be confirmed).

Mrs Anderson (Headteacher), Miss Woodland (Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion) and Mrs Oakley (Chair of Governors)