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PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Friday 26th of March 2021

PFG minutes from Friday 26th of March, 10am
15 parents in attendance with Alex Reed – Headteacher.

Start/End of Day Safety Measures (including parking)

Parents feedback that mask wearing is more consistent.

There was universal positive feedback about the road closures and a desire to support this in future.

Y3 and Y5 doors were highlighted as issues at collection time – crowding causing issues. AR to address this and implement a queue system.

End door for drop off – parent said that there was some crowding in the morning. AR to investigate this and do a feasibility study of moving the shed to create more space.

Clubs after Easter

AR shared the outline of a possible plan to take parent feedback.

Parents were keen to see all clubs take place on one day and were keen to see all year groups take part.

Parents in attendance felt that there needed to a blend/balance between enrichment opportunities and academic support. For the younger children in nursery – Y1 this should have a larger emphasis on enrichment.

Parents suggested that the format would need a brain break – do the children have the stamina to sustain it? AR suggested some children may not and this would be discussed individually.

Reports

AR shared example reports from PIRA and PUMA and gave explanations section by section. This was to see if the planned explanation was sufficiently easy to understand (or not) and what additional information was needed. Parents gave AR guidance on what was clear or not, this was factored in to the explanatory video. There was some discussion about the validity of online vs paper-based tests.

Catering

AR requested feedback on catering in terms of parents' experiences and what their ideal catering provision would look like. Parents stated/suggested:

- Would love to see food more representative of the community.
- Better featuring of menus and dishes, which gives an understanding the food provenance.
- Some sort of discount for larger families – are they a fair price?
- Level of choice has been poor recently. This includes drinks when only juice is given.
- More agility in the offer and ability to choose whether or not to have a meal on certain days.

AR thanked parents for their attendance and the meeting closed at 11:15am.