



# Hoole St Michael CE Primary School

## Parent Forum



**Date of Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, 9am

**Present:** Mrs J Price, (Headteacher) Mr N Woodcock, (Chair of Governors) Ms Barlow, (School Bursar) Mrs M Bennett, Miss M Robinson, Mrs H Woods, Mrs L Crossen, Mrs L Smith, Mr T Howard, Mrs A Coulson, Mrs Z Miller, Mrs H Forshaw, Miss L Smith, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs C Rishton.

**Terms of Reference:** Mrs Price explained the Parent Forum terms of reference, please see attached. In brief the Parent Forum is a two way communication between parents and school. Parent's views and opinions are to be discussed at the parent forum meetings but this is not a decision making platform, Mrs Price will discuss the suggestions from the meetings with the children and governors. Mrs Price is on the playground every day and her email address is on the school website should you have items you wish to be added to the agenda but are unable to make the meetings.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **Mathletics**

Mrs Price explained our school cluster group TARDIS has negotiated a discounted, annual fee for our school. Children use Mathletics in school and at home. So far Mrs Price has found that parent opinion seems to be split but did explain if this resource is not used we may not continue with it as it won't be value for money. As a school homework is set both electronically and still using paper worksheets. One of the many benefits of Mathletics is that it is visual, interactive and helps develop children's maths skills. It was discussed whether Mathletics works on a tablet. There has now had been a recent update which works better. Overall parents don't want to see it go and suggested we introduce something to encourage more users – parents did say there are incentive stickers. Sometimes parents felt, at times their children are frustrated by at the repetitive questions – Mrs Price will pass this feedback onto Mathletics.

#### **School uniform**

Mrs Price explained as a result of our Pupil Voice meetings, the school council sent a questionnaire to parents regarding our school uniform. The results came back overwhelmingly that parents didn't like white polo shirts or the navy sweatshirts. Parents feel it is the material of the navy sweatshirts that is the problem and a wool mix jumper is preferable - they look smarter, feel comfortable, fit better and would wear and hold the colour better. Mrs Price has spoken to Delta Wool shop and informed them there will be a discussion with parents re polo shirts and jumpers for September 2019. In addition Mrs Price noticed at a concert some of our children attended with other schools that our white polo shirts looked old. Parents said that a white cotton shirt would preferable to the current white polo shirts as they are easier to clean and keep white. Parents asked if they could just purchase badges to iron on, this has been suggested previously but Delta wool shop hold the licence for the school badge. Other suggestions were Tesco's stain resistant technology included in their uniform. Other possibilities of open blouses and ties for Y6 were discussed. There will be no changes to the uniform this September. Mrs Price will look into wool blend jumpers.



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## **Nursery provision**

Our Nursery provision – Hoole’s Honey Bees started in January this year and is run on Wednesday afternoons 1.30 – 3pm in the hall and outside play area. It has been very successful having 14/15 children regularly attending. This has provided the children with a smooth transition into our school. We now know the majority of our new intake and the children are already familiar with the school and staff. We are currently in a consultation period as there is an opportunity to extend nursery provision at our school. Consultation forms have been sent out which have indicated a strong interest in this provision. We have had a good response with many parents requesting full day nursery provision (9-3pm). Mrs Price explained that Forest schools will also be offered from September which is currently being developed and this will include nursery children. If there is a need for additional days and extending hours, the earliest that this could be introduced is January 2019 as building work would be required. Many parents are interested but they do require full days due to work commitments. Mrs Price reassured parents that attending Honey Bees Nursery is not an admission requirement and will not become one.

## **Front playground**

Parents wished to discuss the flooding of the front playground – Mrs Price said when the flooding occurred during the Autumn term the children embraced it and Reception went out with duck, wellies and nets etc. Since Drain Doctor came out it has not flooded again therefore, we may need to have the drains cleared annually. Mrs Price’s vision is to eventually extend the front playground to include the outside classroom to ensure it is used fully. Parents discussed the flooding on the roads for them dropping off and picking up, Mrs Hayes advised that the more people report issue, the higher up the list of priorities it would go. Mrs Price said she will include the details for parents to report this issue on the newsletter. Parents also asked about having the playground markings re done. Mrs Price acknowledged that this did need doing but not until the playground had been re surfaced. The children will design and choose these markings. We have put bids in for funding but so far have not yet been successful.

## **Actions:**

- Continue to purchase Mathletics, more use of incentives, Mrs Price to discuss repetitive questions with the company.
- Look into wool blend jumpers with plans to introduce these in September 2019. Sweatshirts to be used for outdoor PE Kit.
- Look into the cost of extending and resurfacing the front playground.
- When flooding occurs, parents to report to the highways agency-link to be on the school newsletter.

## **Next meeting:** TBC

Many thanks to all the parents who contributed this first parent forum, ensuring it was a very productive meeting.