

## Parent Forum Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – 6 - 7pm

Present: W Ainsworth, C Campbell, C Law, P Hartley, T Carmichael, S Young, J Selway, K Mayer

Apologies: M Rundle, R Brennan, L Wallbutton

Agenda Item	Discussion/Actions
Uniform Website	<p>WA showed video demonstration of website 'Uniformd' –This is a website that would allow parents to select and purchase good quality second hand uniform/equipment items.</p> <p>The website hosts collect 15% of the cost and the school would have the remaining funds and would use these to purchase other items for the online store. The website does not need a log in or sign up and card details are 3<sup>rd</sup> party online, so site is secure.</p> <p>There is little administration required once the site is initially set up. Initial set up requires photos of the item being uploaded and then the description completed, using the flood filled domains, parents can then complete the purchase at home and collect the item on announcement from reception.</p> <p>Link to video is <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p>Parent forum members will support the initial set up and upload the items onto the website</p> <p>WA to complete the agreement and set up an administrator within school</p> <p>Website to go live in conjunction with transition evening in the Summer term.</p>
New Behaviour Policy	<p>WA provided a draft copy of a proposed policy to be launched after the Easter break.</p> <p>The new policy addresses the following points;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The existing system is punitive based – Classroom posters demonstrate what not to do, they are not learning based behaviours and RTL does not change behaviours. RTL also removes the child from subject specialist teaching for 3 hours.</li><li>2. The existing system is not considered from a psychology point of view in that it is widely known that negative reinforcement has very little impact, positive reinforcement is very impactful.</li><li>3. The existing system is set up so that it is easier for teachers to record negative conduct than positive conduct and promotes more consequences.</li><li>4. The existing system sees many children receive no affirmation of their positive behaviour and rewards have no tangible merit.</li><li>5. The existing system removes too much accountability from too many, as too few people are aware of the reason for the sanction and/or award.</li></ol> <p>PH contributed that as a parent, and particularly if your child is younger, you are not made aware of issues until much later in the year at parents evening, therefore you can have very little impact.</p> <p>JS agreed with the measure of private sanction and public praise and stated that this should relate to staff too.</p> <p>CC then demonstrated the 'Class Charts' platform. This is an additional platform that the College will utilise in order to communicate with parents in 'real time'.</p>

	<p>It will signal each time the student receives an award or admonishment and the reason for it. It will also inform of lateness etc.</p> <p>This will be launched in conjunction with the new policy and its use of by staff will be monitored by the leadership team to ensure users observe an 80:20 ratio of positive to negative conduct points (rather than being awarded haphazardly, the intention is that staff will reward positive learning behaviours at the end of a lesson).</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p>WA shared that the next stage is a working party to ensure that the system works fully.</p> <p>PH agreed to test the class charts app in the first week. Other parent forum members agreed to be part of the trial group which will run for 2 weeks. This working party group will have access to the app and will test that the new model works.</p> <p>Parent forum members agreed to be present at the evening launch events which will run from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of April from 6-7pm.</p>
Other	<p>CL asked whether the school had a nominated person to act as the community liaison point of contact, so that events like the Queen's jubilee, remembrance and other events went through one contact. WA stated that in the first instance, this would continue to sit with her.</p>

**Next Forum Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6 till 7pm**