

Parent Forum Agenda/Mins

Wednesday 11th February at 8.50am

Present: Present: Rec/Yr1/3/4/5/6

Apologies: Yr2

Item		Action
1. Agree minutes from previous meeting.	Road Traffic Incidence Risk Assessment – Nick Wright H&S IOW LA Use of school gate closure discussed to highlight traffic calming from our shared access driveway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Email PCSO for parking support. ✓ Information in Newsletter – road safety week.
2. Actions from the previous meeting		
3.	<p>1. PLACE PLANNING UPDATE (School closures)/New Intake Tours – 2 more visits to complete 10th Dec and 6th Jan at 3.15pm. Available school class places - Reception 25/Yr1 30/Yr2 22/ Yr3 30/ Yr4 30/ Yr5 28/ Yr6 28. School has received no further information regarding place planning.</p> <p>Parents and carers are invited to attend upcoming Listening and Engagement sessions about future school place planning on the Isle of Wight. These sessions are an opportunity to understand how the Local Authority plans for future school places and to share your views. Please note: no decisions will be made, and there are no proposals being consulted on. The sessions are simply to listen, explain the process, and gather perspectives.</p> <p>Session Dates: Wednesday 4th February 10:00–11:00 and 14:30–16:00 The Riverside Centre, Newport (drop-in) Tuesday 10th February 10:00–11:30 — Online (Microsoft Teams) Meeting ID: 330 261 838 902 86 Passcode: Ed6Bj3ck Thursday 12th February 18:00–19:30 — Online (Microsoft Teams) Meeting ID: 353 697 863 810 93 Passcode: s2DU2TK2 All parents and carers are welcome. Thank you for engaging and helping shape future planning for children and young people on the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>2. SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANGES – this is changing. as you are all aware we are looking into effective cost savings. With this in mind we have changed our contracts with some of our external platforms to streamline our systems - i.e. OTrack (assessment system) has gone, Arbor has been extended and our use of T2P will be drastically reduced until it is no longer needed as each text message that we send costs us money. With this focus, we will be changing our communication strategy to parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Text messages will only be used for safeguarding purposes - i.e. first aid/medical and debt collection reminders. - Emails to be used to communicate with parents (a text message will NOT be sent to instruct them they have an email!). 	

	<p>- Seesaw will also be used by classes for announcements. Jenny has access to this as well so parents will begin to. Our office hours are also changing - our school office will only be manned between 8.30am and 4pm. Parents will be informed of this via Parent Forum. Arbor – link to APP – emails messages testing has started, moving to payments after Easter. Debt systems to be cleared.</p> <p>3. POLICY REVIEW Home Learning - draft Careers Draft Policy</p> <p>4. WHATSAPP Oversharing of letters and communications. i.e. Panto for KS2 – not all parents had paid and 2 children arrived as parents had received the information via WhatsApp groups – these letters were individual to each parent.</p>	
4.	<p>Any questions to HOS by Tuesday 18th please.</p> <p>Leavers Hoodies – HOS confirmed that she would start the process of creating the template with our local company and finalise costings/match funding from FONs. HOS highlighted that Hoodies are not part of school uniform and should not be used in this way. We normally send them out before the residential and then they can be worn in the transition weeks for activities.</p> <p>Year 6 parents raised the transition window period of future events planned. HOS stated she was in the process of organising an ‘activities week’ for the Yr7s for Wk1 and that they would be based in The Green Room, and probably have her/Mr Phillimore/Mrs Isham as their lead adults. Wk2 would be the organisation of their leaver’s services (Thursday 23rd July) allocated with key adults.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting – 30th April 2026.</p>	

