

Parent Forum meeting 22.11.2024 - minutes

Positive feedback

- Uniform flexibility on gingham/stripped dresses, winter boots and plain white non-branded polo shirts. This has helped parents to manage costs
- There seems to have been a bit more positive change around supporting those children who are either neuro diverse or struggling generally.
- Implementation of new gate system and visitor process (photograph, signed in and out)
- Medical tracker to report accidents at school – feedback that parents like this system.

Communications

- Suggestion for auto-reply from info@bishopperrin email address with expectation of response/response times and phone number for urgent queries. Could also include any FAQ responses.
- The newsletter is the main communication channel for the school, note that there was previous feedback that there were too many emails.
- Communication review is taking place Tuesday 10th December. Which will define the communication responsibilities and expectation of frequency. Other areas: feedback and escalation of events.
- Noted that the calendar on the school's website is not that detailed, this is for security reasons, therefore diary of events to feature more regularly in the Newsletter again.

Teacher Absence

- Supply is not easily available on the first day of teacher absence.
- Any teacher absence is managed as per the school's policy.

Trips

- School are aware that Year 2 trip is outstanding

Clubs

- Feedback requested more simple clubs: these are provided.
- Perception of the club provision, request for more "cheaper" clubs: many of the clubs are delivered on a voluntary basis in addition to the Bishop Perrin staff workload and others are externally delivered so not in control of costs.
- The external clubs provide wider range of clubs and alternative solution.
- Club timetables: request for these to be published sooner, unfortunately this isn't possible as external clubs provide dates close to the end of each term.

Lost property

- Understand it is frustrating for children to come home without their property, however all are able to check the lost property box every break time.
- A reminder to clearly label all uniform.
- School and parents will support children need to learn personal responsibility for items.

Other

- Birthday book donation to the school library are encouraged
- Gift list was well received

- Playground issues have been raised with surveyor and acknowledged as on-going problem, however the building is owned by the Diocese and priority will be building.

Online/social media suggestions

- Peer pressure to get mobile phones
- Parent power
- Bishop Perrin considering the future and what policy is required for smart phones.
- Petition: Introduce 16 as the minimum age for children to have social media
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/700086>

Next meeting: Friday 14/03/2025