

Federation Parents' Forum – 13th June 2018



1. Minutes of last meeting

Anti-Bullying Policies were sent out via email to parents at both schools. They are available on the schools' websites along with the updated Behaviour Principles.

The travel working party for Littlehaven met with Mrs Smailes in March. The travel plan has been updated but the school is still awaiting a response from the WSCC travel adviser. One of the issues raised by parents completing the travel survey was unsafe parking on Hawkesbourne Road but the school needs further support from WSCC with this. Helen Oakley (Chair of Governors) has met with the local councillor and a representative of WSCC Highways about the verge damage outside Northolmes. Although a possible solution of using a composite surface was agreed, WSCC have come back to say that they are unable to provide any funding for the work and the community scheme under which the work could be done without consulting residents has been discontinued.

A gardening day is no longer needed at Littlehaven as the problem area behind the wavy wall has been removed. The front border will be re-barked with composite chippings when work is carried out on the wildlife area. There are always lots of small jobs to be done though – weeding borders, cutting back shrubs, weaving the willow dome/tunnel – so offers of help are always appreciated. Please let the school offices know if you can help out.

2. Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors Policy

A draft of the policy was shared with parents attending the forum. It will replace the Home-School Agreement that parents and children sign when they join the schools. The policy lays out expectations along with conduct that will not be tolerated such as inappropriate behaviour on the school grounds and inappropriate use of social media. It covers a number of issues that are frequently raised at the parents' forums. Parents at the forum were happy with the policy. Once approved by governors, the policy will be given to parents when their child joins the schools and a reminder will go out annually to all parents via email.

During discussion of the policy, parents asked if a reminder could go out to parents about not standing outside the school gates with dogs as some children don't like them and to remind parents not to reverse into the school drive at Littlehaven to turn around as it is unsafe. FROGs will also include a guide at the top of their Facebook page of what can and can't be posted in line with the new data protection regulations which came into force on 25th May.

3. AOB

The Chair of FROGs said that the PTA had won a free disco as part of a competition which has also meant some positive PR for the schools. FROGs are diminishing in volunteers so would like to encourage more parents to get involved with the committee or offer help for them to be able to run events. It was suggested that they put a flyer inside the programme for the summer fair advertising the AGM and giving parents an opportunity to let them know what events they would like to see (dependent on their being enough volunteers!).

Thank you to the parents that attended the forum. The next one will be held at Littlehaven in the autumn term (TBC).