

# Parents Forum – The March C of E School – March 2016

Date – March 16

**Topic – Wrap Around Care Update & School Uniform**

## **Attendees**

Chair – Mrs Metcalfe (Head Teacher)

Presentation – Mrs Metcalfe (Head Teacher)

Governor Attendee – Stella Aldred, Rachel Bryan, John Procter

Parent Governor Attendees – Ashley Hatton

Further attendees – parent attendees

Minutes – Gael Emmett

**Mrs Metcalf led the forum with a presentation on her proposal for changes to school uniform and supplier thereof, outline as follows**

## **Part One – Overview of changes to school uniform and supplier**

As there has been a noted lack of quality with the current uniform supplier and general issues over supply, a new supplier has been sourced.

- Proposed new supplier is local – **Game, Set and Match**. They have a good reputation amongst local school that use them.
- 'Jumpers' can now be supplied with name labelling – embroidered onto outside of garment at back of neck. Please note – this will be surname only for security of children and also supports passing onto siblings.
- Delivery is prompt – an order placed on Monday would be delivered by the same Friday (at the latest).

- Pricing – Jumpers approx. £1.50 more than current supplier, PE shirts approx. £2.50 less.
- We are also looking at coats, fleeces, waterproof coats and caps. Bags – PE bags and school bags – options to be reviewed.
- **Ties** – school will also introduce a tie. Proposal is that it is optional, but was discussed if KS2 should be mandatory.
- **Polo Shirts** – agreed to be one colour only in future, confirmed as **BLUE**.
- Shoes – black shoes only to be reinforced. NO trainers. No summer sandals, for safety reasons. An email reminder will be sent about reinforcement of uniform expectations.

New reception parents will have a day when they can come in and try on uniform and pre order for kids. If the child outgrows order by school start they will be able to swap for larger sizes.

Changes to uniform will be phased in as appropriate (ie – change to blue shirts).

## **PART TWO – Updates to wrap around care.**

*Please see document (electronic or printed version available from school office)*

- The school has had a very positive response to Wrap around Care. Approx. 89 respondees.
- 'West Sussex Extended Schools Scheme' has been very supportive.
- Staff have been appointed – as follows
  - Admin – Mrs Pitt
  - Mrs Arnell, Miss Long, Miss West
- More staff can be appointed as the need arises.

- The maximum number of children will be 30 per session. At present there are approx. 12 per session.
- Please note – due to aprent interest the afternoon session has been extended to 5.30pm.
- One months notice would be required for any changes to bookings. It is possible to enquire about last minute bookings. The school will endeavor to support where they can.
- The option to take part in after school care will be affected by any behaviour deemed unacceptabel by the school. Guidelines can be seen in the relevant document.
- It was noted that this may help to ease the pressure on parking!

## **OTHER MATTERS RAISED**

**E-praise** – *please see document on School App for details*

Information on E-praise can be viewed on the current newsletter, available through the school app.

It is an Online initiative. There will be a 'live' projection of current position at assemblies to generate excitement.

The goals are bronze, silver and gold.

## **Parent Forums**

Topics for future meetings shoould be proposed either via the box in the reception area of school, or via an email to Mr Jackson.

The topic and date for the upcoming meeting will be sent via a reminder message two weeks prior to the meeting.

One topic will be set by the parents and one by the school for each meeting.

## **Website**

The school website is being improved and relaunched. This will cause some downtime between June and August 2016. It will be relaunched in Sept.

## **Community Service Works**

The school has been utilising Community Service participants to carry out maintenance works around the school. Painting is being carried out outside and inside the school.

**NEXT MEETING** – April (Date -TBC)

**TOPIC** – School suggested topic – Christian Ethos of the school  
Parent suggested topic – TBC