

LCPS Parent Forum



Minutes : Parent Forum Meeting

Date:	20th May 2026
Present:	

Item	Discussions / Actions / Outcomes
Welcome – purpose, values & conduct	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Empower parents through participatory decision-making, feedback on school direction, and inclusive provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participation: Active involvement and voice in leadership. ● Feedback: Input on developments and strategic planning. ● Improvement: Idea generation and suggestion. <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readiness, Respect, Resilience, Courage, Empathy, Integrity. <p>Conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open, honest, solution-focused forum. ● Staff respect. ● Transparent communication via website.

<p>Review of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>The last meeting focused on optimising educational technology and exploring school development initiatives. Discussions celebrated the 95% success rate of the Sparx Readers pilot, though strategies were proposed to reduce children’s reliance on parental devices for rewards. Feedback for the Century platform remained overwhelmingly positive, with a recommendation for laptop use to encourage focused study. Financially, while the Paddle Courts proposal is currently on hold by the Trust CEO, updates on its feasibility are expected in early 2026. Communication improvements were also a priority, with the school shifting to a single September Welcome event and proposing one-way WhatsApp communities for better information flow. Finally, the forum addressed student wellbeing, confirming strong support for enrichment activities and outlining a commitment to improving nutritional standards—specifically focusing on fiber intake and the long-term goal of developing on-site kitchens.</p>
<p>Homework & Tech Update. Sparx Readers: Feedback on the new "Time-Shift" and "Adult-Led" strategies. Are children requesting phones less often for rewards? Library Sync: Confirmation of the 50 new hard-copy books added to the digital platform. Century Platform: Success check on moving homework to laptops/desktops to improve focus.</p>	
<p>School Income: Paddle Courts Latest news on negotiations with the CEO regarding the court installation and the projected income.</p>	
<p>Communication & Community WhatsApp: Reviewing the roll out for one-way, school-managed info channels.</p>	
<p>Food & Wellbeing On-Site Kitchens: Update on the move toward independent catering to improve protein and fibre levels in school lunches.</p>	
<p>Smartphone-Free Initiative: Preparing for the upcoming Reception parent meetings and Google Classroom updates.</p>	

<p>Edible Garden The edible garden now faces closure unless the project transitions to a self-sustaining model. This item focuses on identifying new grant opportunities, local sponsorships, or community fundraising strategies required to cover ongoing operational costs and ensure the garden remains a viable resource for students.</p>	
<p>School Surveys How can we ensure school surveys are meaningful and address the issues that matter most to families? We are seeking input on the specific themes and questions that should be included in our future engagement cycles, inviting parent stakeholders to define the key areas of school life—such as communication, extracurricular offerings, or student wellbeing—that require more focused feedback.</p>	
<p>AOB Quick review of Summer enrichment plans. Open floor for parent reps.</p>	