



LCPS Parent Forum

Minutes: Parent Forum Meeting	
Date:	Wednesday 11th December 9.00-10.00am
Present:	Andy, Kristin, Colleen, Sunny, Anand, Hiten, Jules, Swati, Melissa. Mr Hacking and Mrs West
Item	Discussions / Actions / Outcomes
Welcome – purpose, values & conduct	Shared
	Parent Survey
Parent Survey Overview- Action points and reflection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Survey should be available before and after parents meetings- ● Clarity on transparency and anonymity. ● Coffee forum meetings are a good forum to discuss issues raised that may not need to be formally communicated via email. ● Options should be available for parents to leave their name if they wish. Parents should be able to identify how many siblings they are completing the survey for. ● Links to support information on the school website and other signposts could be available for further support to negative comments on the survey. ● Swimming expectations should be communicated and parents invited to take ownership to enable their child to swim 25m?
Consideration of a Smartphone free childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental health impact using social media and smartphones. Smart phone free childhood. ● Currently no legislation as it is difficult to enforce. ● Action- run a survey in school and a wider event in January. ● Year 3 have 27 parents who have signed a non binding pledge to not give their children smartphones before the age of 14. ● Children need to be educated about engagement, self-regulation and autonomy over smartphone use. ● Negative impact of smartphone screen time on wellbeing ● Also Physical impact. Myopia - Vast increase of short sightedness in young children due to screen use. Mental and Physical impact on wellbeing. Retinal detachment. Musculoskeletal impact/ chronic fatigue. ● Celebrate not participating with the screen v needing to be technically educated? .

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablets have many benefits including positive engagement for SEND
RSE policy update	To be sent out
Editable Garden- Is it enriching and value for money?	Next Agenda
Homework - Does it work?/Is it time for a change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional homework needs to be communicated as 'optional' • Purposeful? Projects are more creative and enable families to work together. Discipline of what does optional really mean? • Outcome: homework to remain optional. Review policy and communicate to staff. Homework submitted on google classroom if and when completed rather than physical copies. White Rose parent maths booklets? • Reading should be prioritised. Rebrand as 'flexible' homework.
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