



Parent Pop In – Tuesday 29th January, 2019

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Notes taken by Mrs Foulkes (Headteacher)

Present:

Mrs Foulkes, Mrs McEwan-Williams, parents/guardians

Discussion Points and Actions:

- Talked about the car parking situation at length and all the options that have been suggested over the years. It would be far less congested if parents/guardians would use the 'Safe Route to School' from Chester Avenue.
Update: one parent has noticed that more parents are parking on Chester Avenue and using the Safe Route, also picking up other learners. Another commented on the increase in parents parking by the Magpie and Stump. This is all easing congestion slightly at pick-up and drop-off.
- Seesaw trial/Class Dojo –Mrs Foulkes has now looked into the options and a member of staff has been to show whole-school staff the Class Dojo approach in addition to this. All the information/feedback was then shared with the Governing Body who have chosen to maintain the approaches we currently have. These are the School Website and Twitter are constantly updated. Whole-school information/correspondence is also sent out via email and regular text reminders are also used.
- Looked After Children Coffee Morning 20th 9.30 am in the Nurture Room with Mrs Crowe and Mrs Redhead (LAC Governor). All Carers/Guardians welcome. What would LAC Carers/Guardians like from school? What would LAC learners like from school?
- Parents/Guardians present have noticed that more parents and guardians are adhering to the rules around not sharing photos of other children on Social Media due to safety. School will keep reminding families about this.
- Mrs Foulkes has sent photos to CCBC of the cracked section of the school path to Towyn in case they feel it needs inspecting. The path is not owned by the schools.
- Homework was discussed. The general opinion is that our current, more holistic approach to Homework is encouraging more learners to access their Homework and enjoy doing so. School staff have also noticed a huge variety of different approaches being used by the learners, including models. School are going to approach Kinmel Bay Library to create a display next term to display a selection of the work/models.
- A discussion took place regarding some children going home muddy. Mrs Foulkes will talk to the whole school, although it was agreed that some element of mud-play is part of fun learning!
- A blocked drain on the school yard was causing a huge puddle to form each time it rained. This should be sorted now so please let Mrs Foulkes know if it happens again!
- Mrs Foulkes explained about the changes currently taking place in Wales regarding Curriculum Reform. Whole-staff in our school have been kept up to date via training and staff meetings. The draft Curriculum is due to be published in April 2019. Our whole-school planning is currently focusing on a thematic, hands-on approach to learning and we are very pleased with progress so far.
- Teachers and Teaching Assistants enjoyed training all day here last Friday with all of Ysgol Y Foryd's staff and key staff from other schools in the Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan Cluster. The training concentrated on Feedback that the staff give to the learners to support/challenge them and help them to progress. The school is due to trial a different approach to 'marking' using highlighter pens during the lesson itself so parents/guardians may see changes at future parents/guardians evenings.

Meeting closed at 10.00 am. Date of next meeting is Tuesday 2nd April at 9.00 am

