

Parents' Voice notes from Term 2 meeting – 1st December 2015

11 parents attended. The meeting was facilitated by Ruth Cochrane (Community Development Coordinator). Other staff attending were Khalif Noor (Somali Achievement Manager) Samira Karoui (Family Mentor). We also had information from Craig Hardy and members of the finance team.

Item	Response / Action
Welcome and introductions	We welcomed people to the meeting and talked through the agenda for the morning.
<p>Lunchtimes – Craig Hardy came to answer our questions from last time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I came and observed lunchtime last year and it seemed well organised – can we arrange this again please? 2. Can we make sure there are enough staff in the dinner hall so that if children need to ask for something they get a quick response. 3. How do staff monitor some of the spaces in the playground that children can hide in? 4. My child doesn't like the dinners – what can be done about this? My child didn't eat anything yesterday – how can staff help? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Craig will organise 2 sessions for parents to visits, have a school lunch and see how things run in the playground. Parents can also look at the whole playground from up on the balcony, which gives a great overview. Ruth will collect names. We will ask parents to report back to the next Parents' Voice meeting. 2. We have just appointed two more lunchtime staff and are up to a full team of 15. Craig said children can get help quickly. When parents visit they can look out for this. 3. We want children to have different spaces to use and there is a balance between supervision and having sufficient freedom for creative play . We have 15 staff who supervise different areas of the playground. 4. Craig encouraged all parents of fussy eaters to talk to teachers, so we can keep an eye on them in the dinner hall. When children have packed lunches it can sometimes be hard to see how much they have eaten. Before children are allowed to leave the table they put their hand up and an adult allows them to go. Parents can watch how this goes when they visit. <p>One parent reported that lunchtimes are much improved and that the use of the front of the school is a bonus.</p>
<p>Pupil Premium. We discussed how important this source of funding is for the school. It funds a wide range of posts and support. It helps to keep the cost of trips, visits and camp very low. It supports reading across the school including early morning and after school reading. Pupil Premium also helped fund our new Hub.</p> <p>One parent asked if she could have free afterschool provision.</p>	<p>We ask parents to help us to raise awareness and encourage people to apply. Finance team will be available for the rest of this month to help people apply and to give information.</p> <p>We explained that we would offer this if there was capacity but that the club needed to break even so paying places had to be a priority. We explained that all other after school clubs are free, because of pupil premium funding!</p>
<p>Feedback from parent survey. 90 parents returned the survey, which is a good number. Top 2 positive responses: Parents find the newsletter is useful and staff approachable. Areas for improvement: more information on school policies and more advance notice about trips and visits.</p>	<p>A summary of the results will be in this Friday's newsletter. We acknowledge the need for more opportunities for working parents to get involved at school! Some parents don't use the newsletter as a source of information - which it is!!</p>
<p>AOB Lynn Parfitt (Community worker in St Judes) and Asho talked about plans for a playing out event in St Judes.</p>	.

Next term's meeting date will be advertised in the newsletter.