



Parent Forum No1 - Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 2.30pm

Present - James Dowse (Headteacher), Anna McCarthy (School Business Manager), Carla Jackson, Claire Ashmore, Sarah Shaw, Tracey Vaughan, Louise McBoyle, Rachel Yates, Natalie Lester, Natasha Chambers, Dominique Melen.

1. Communication	
What the school does well.	Suggestions for Improvement
• Introduction of ParentPay has been positively received. • Emails (saves paper) • Parents appreciate access to teachers at the end of the day. • The diary on the school website is useful. • Text messaging service - means information is instant. • Regular newsletters - keep parents informed of events, news and successes.	• Links on emails do not always work. • Some parents prefer paper copies of newsletter. • Jargon buster on the school website. • Class pages to be developed on the website and regularly updated. • More information evenings around residential and phonics etc. • Streamline communication - sometimes parents feel barraged by texts.

	• All information in one place i.e. a school app.
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2. Community	
What the school does well.	Suggestions for Improvement
• Excellent links with the cricket club with over 25% of the school members. • Links with Dunston Garden Centre. • Carols at the Peacock. • Nativity and links with St Thomas' in Brampton. • Anxiety workshops with FSW and CAHMS. • Forest Schools.	• Use local providers for CPR and teaching the children how to deal with emergency situations. • Work with local Young Farmers groups. • Work with local Brownie groups. • Strengthen links with Matlock Town FC through Mr. Yates. • Use Chatsworth and facilities. • Take part in Spring Watch/Autumn Watch. • Community Summer Fete. • Charity colour run. • Music opportunities for the children. • Christmas Fayre at The Peacock?

Next meeting is Monday 7th March 2022 at 6.30pm.