



## Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: 15.05.18

2.45 – 3.15pm

Present: Mrs Hughes and 11 parents.

New Items:

**Outdoor Areas** – Mrs Hughes explained that the outdoor areas of the school are wonderful but underused and our play areas need further investment.

She explained that plans are in place to move the metal trim trail currently in the Key Stage 1 area across to Key Stage 2 playground as the older children will be able to access it independently. Our younger children need a lot of adult support to use this equipment, therefore it is not fit for purpose. There is also a proposal to install a bouldering wall which is a low level climbing wall that children traverse across not up. It builds strength in shoulders, arms and fingers.

Parents suggested we consider:

- A quiet, chill out zone.
- Large wooden climbing frame for Key Stage 1 playground.
- Waterproof clothing for children to access outdoors in wet weather.
- Extending the Key Stage 2 playground.
- Developing the slope on Key Stage 1 playground to include steps and a slide.
- To consider the overall objectives we are trying to achieve, the space and the budget available.
- Gathering ideas from a range of sources and then purchasing the materials and inviting parents to help build them.

We discussed the need to invest well in these ideas, including the wet weather clothing as many children would wear them and they need to last. We also highlighted the Health and Safety requirements of play equipment being very rigorous and therefore parents cannot construct any element that the children would play on.

Mrs Hughes was asked if parents would be further consulted on the outdoor area ideas before they are implemented. She explained that as some of these were hoped to be achieved this summer, further consultation on ideas may delay the process. A board displaying the ideas would be shared later this term.

**After School Clubs**

Parents shared that they would like more clubs available and that a small charge would be acceptable. We discussed the charges for after school childcare and that clubs are a more reasonable cost. Parents requested more generalised clubs like multi-skills which may appeal to and can be offered to, a wider age range. Mrs Hughes explained that more clubs would potentially be sourced from outside companies. Parents asked if breakfast club could be offered due to the cost of local providers and limited capacity, meaning that parents cannot always get their children in. Mrs Hughes agreed to speak to the Governors about this proposal.

**Actions:**

- A board of outdoor ideas would be displayed for parents to look at and offer any further suggestions.
- Mrs Hughes to speak to the Governing Body about offering a breakfast club.