



## Parent Forum

### Spring Term (11/10/24)

Discussion points on agenda	Comments/Feedback	Actions/Follow Up
New school website: comments, observations and future needs	Feedback from parents was positive about the new site. Much more user friendly and accessible. Easy to navigate. Most parents use for calendar, dates, up coming events and photos of class activities and trips. Parents were shown a range of other information available.	Further regular information to parents and highlighted sections of the website via the newsletter. Parents and carers will be reminded of the ability to link calendars. School will consider creating basic overview of termly curriculum for each year group so parents can see at a glance what is being learned.
Teacher email	A discussion took place about the use of teacher email by families. Most parents use the email to notify teachers of basic information and feel it useful, particularly if it is difficult to catch teachers at the start and end of the day. Most felt serious concerns should go through the office. Office communication is excellent. Teachers like the ability to inform parents and carers about up coming changes quickly via email.	School is currently reviewing the use of class email addresses in the light of teacher workload issues.
Afterschool care club	The DFE are currently asking schools to review the provision available to parents and carers. Parents and carers were asked about their use of the schools before and after-school care. Feedback was that it covers the right hours, flexibility is good, children enjoy the activities but the cost can be prohibitive for many people. There is a demand for this provision.	School will review provision with the current provider.
AOB	Water bottles in school Questions were raised in regard to the school's approach/policy to water bottles in school. It was raised that many children are bringing in squash and flavoured water into school and it was felt there is some inconsistency across classes as to how this is managed.  Snacks at morning break were also discussed. What are the rules? Is it only fruit that is allowed?  Safety on the car park was also discussed. Many parents and carers are parking on the staff carpark and causing a danger. Many children, including those from Parkside are riding scooters and bikes dangerously.	School is aware that many children across school bring fluids in other than water because children don't like water and therefore don't drink during the day. We are a healthy school and therefore promote only water in bottles. We will review our current policy around water bottles and send this out to parents and carers via the newsletter.  As a healthy school, we encourage the children to bring healthy snacks for morning break. Over recent weeks, we have become aware that children are bring a wide range of snacks of which many would not be classed as healthy. We have decided to initiate a project with the Wellbeing Crew to survey children's snacks and then undertake an information campaign.  Reminders will be put in the newsletter. Parkside will also remind
Date of next meeting	TBC	

