

Agenda of Meeting of Parent Forum held via TEAMS

Finberry Primary School

1.30pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
	Meeting opened at 1.30pm Present:	Ms Schâringer, Head Teacher Minutes taken by Mrs Risley, Deputy Head Teacher Parent Forum Members:- Mrs C Mrs L		
1	Welcome	Ms Scharinger thanked Mrs C and Mrs L for joining the meeting. When we have the new Reception parents evening we will be advertising more widely for new members for the parent forum and hoping to have more families on board. We appreciate with busy lifestyles is it not always possible to attend.		
2	Apologies for absence	Mrs B Mrs P		
3	Minutes of previous meeting	Member ship of the Parent Forum to be promoted via the Year R new parents event – taking place Term 6, pending government guideline.		
4	Matters arising from previous minutes	Mrs C- I feel a bit confused about the return to school and where we are with the catch up. SS- We are still within the recovery curriculum period, the teaching and learning across the whole school has identified gaps in knowledge and therefore a revised curriculum has been created. We are using the government recovery money to run puffin club, run by Mrs Burden and Miss Roberts. They run interventions to	Add to weduc ways in which parents can contact teachers.	MsS

support children to close the gap. This will run for the remainder of the academic year.

Mrs L- Does this mean that year 5 will be behind with the learning for the SATs testing next year?

SS- Year 5 has been one of our focus year groups. Miss Barry the year 6 teacher has been supporting year 5 with the development of the curriculum to support the recovery. Parent phone calls next week will be more informative about how the curriculum has been developed to ensure that it meets the needs of all the children and the gaps that may be present.

Mrs C- It is a lot more difficult to communicate with the school, due to social distancing, it is hard to make contact at the end of the day. We can't come into the office or email teachers directly.

SS- I will put a message on Weduc about how parents can be contacted and the quickest way to get a response.

SS - Plans for a virtual sports day discussed. We can't wait for the termly events where we can have the parents back into school.

Mrs C- it would be great to get back in for the termly events as it gave us a flavor of what our children are doing each day, as we feel a little cut off at the moment.

SS- We hope to be able to hold these events as soon as the government guidelines allow, including meet the teacher which we would like to be able to hold.

Mrs C- When will we know who the teachers are next year?

5	Parent feedback regarding children's return to school and their wellbeing	<p><b>SS- That will be in the last few weeks of term.</b></p> <p>Nursery Parent:- Due to the excellent communication throughout the period of lockdown, the transition back into school for my child was perfect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The videos that nursery created meant that she was able to undertake all of the activities at home.</li> <li>• She could see her teachers because they appeared in the videos.</li> <li>• They created a personalised learning pack for her that had a bespoke message from her key person.</li> <li>• I was phoned by her key person to see how she was doing and to see if we required any further support.</li> </ul> <p>Since her return she has fondly spoken of the activities that she has been completing at school and as a parent it is very apparent that there is a nurturing focus to a lot of the activities.</p> <p>Nursery Parent: -</p> <p>As per the email regarding the children returning to school I feel my son's return was handled extremely well. I was notified of what us as parents needed to do ie: wear face masks etc and I felt he was safe. The only thing I felt would have been help is the reassurance that the staff were being tested or testing at home regularly.</p> <p>My son has also told me numerous times that he does his hands with sanitizer first thing and various times throughout the morning - which is reassurance for us.</p> <p>It was also lovely seeing all the balloons out as a lovely welcome back for all the pupils. I have never felt that myself or any pupils have been put at risk. So personally it has handled the perfect way to ensure we are all safe.</p> <p>Nursery Parent: -</p> <p>Thank you for your email and I am pleased to report that due to all the efforts of the staff at the school my daughters return to nursery has been seamless. This is due to the constant updates throughout lockdown, the videos provided by the school and Mrs Adamson in particular. It made my daughter still feel a part of it all even if she wasn't there. So the transition to going back fulltime has been easy for her.</p> <p>She is once again eager to tell me all about her day in nursery and all the wonderful things</p>		
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		<p>happening. For example the class tadpole, the caterpillars that are soon the turn into butterflies and the cress they have been growing to eat. Thanks again for all your hard work over the past year it hasn't gone unnoticed.</p> <p><b>Reception Parent: -</b> Given what an unusual year and how unsettling it has been for our children I can't praise Finberry enough for making the return to school far more easier that I imagined it would be. The teachers have done a fantastic job right throughout homeschooling and returning to school has been great. We had lots of tears at the prospect of going back to school which has unsettled us both but my son has come back with a smile and an ease I never thought we would have so Thank you all Finberry team.</p> <p><b>Year 1 and 3 Parent: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The whole process has been a very positive and happy return back to school, appreciative of being back in a classroom with the teacher and friends.</li> <li>• Feel safe and reassured with the Covid measures in place.</li> <li>• Gentle and nurturing approach to those struggling and needing that extra bit of TLC</li> <li>• Catch up and learning; the Puffin Club has been amazing. Excited for a Tuesday and Thursday to come around because it meant it was a Puffin day!</li> <li>• A very big thank you from a grateful and reassured parent that all will be ok following so much time not in school!</li> </ul> <p>SS – thank you to everyone for the feedback, this is much appreciated.</p>		
6	Any other urgent business			
7	Date of next meeting	1.30pm – Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		