

Parent Forum Agenda

Finberry Primary School

13:00 14th March 2022



| Item No. | Item | Minutes | Action Points | Action by who |
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| 1 | Welcome Meeting Opened at: 12.48pm VCO Present: VCO/ Katrina Giles Ally Phayer Pam Hunt Jo Coalo Stella Schâringer | Ms S- Welcome Board of directors – feedback on school uniform, fantastic response to parent survey Leadership Developments at Finberry: Mrs Risley appointed to Head of School and Ms Schringer Executive Head Ashford Hub – a great opportunity to strength the relationship with Chilmington Green to the benefit of all the children. For example; shared sporting events are currently being planned. Welcome to our Parent Forum member, Mrs Giles, who is now also a teaching assistant at Finberry. | n/a | n/a |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | Mrs R – Illness, Get Well Soon! | | |
| 3 | Meeting Focus: Progress | School Uniform. | | |
| 4. | Board of Directors - School Uniform. Feedback from parent survey. Feedback from Parent Forum group. | Mrs C feedback overview from parent survey. Key points raised by Parent Forum:- Quality of uniform different this year , mixed opinions on MACPAC and whether a change of suppliers is an option. Would be helpful to have a physical shop in Ashford. | SSC to feedback to board of directors Sort through lost property and put into age order to be swapped on Facebook marketplace. | Ms S Mrs C |

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| | | <p>Sport hoodies are popular with Parents but expensive.</p> <p>Turn around time from ordering is a problem. – suppliers can take up to 6 weeks.</p> <p>Un named lost property – swap shop coffee morning or via parents on facebook marketplace</p> <p>Book bags – Could a small Finberry bag separate from book bags be considered to hold water bottles etc to prevent spillages. More accessible for pupils to carry own bags to school.</p> | <p>Arrange “swap shop” for term 6 coffee morning PSA</p> <p>SSC to feedback to board of directors</p> | <p>Mrs C</p> <p>Ms S</p> |
| 6 | AOB - | <p>Cerebral palsy awareness day – Both Mrs Phayer and Mrs Coalo have pupil with a form of cerebral palsy and would like to raise the awareness.</p> <p>Booking on to after school clubs issues raised. Suggestions put forward:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could a wider range to be offered to allow more pupils opportunity – teachers currently run 3 clubs a year, with some changes of staff we could double check everyone has run a club. • Could there be a system of 1 club per term per child / priority list for those who missed out last term etc. • Could each class have an extracurricular sign up register where each pupil must sign up to a class per academic year. <p>Group to think of further ideas and feedback at next Parent Forum meeting.</p> | <p>Assembly could be held (Mrs Phayer is happy to come in) , an awareness day where we wear “green” .</p> <p>To be raised at staff briefing on Thursday Added to agenda point for next term parent forum</p> | <p>Miss Barry to liaise with Mrs Phayer</p> <p>Ms S</p> |
| 7 | Meeting Close: Next Meeting: 1pm 16.5.22 | To be held face to face Monday 16 th May 1.00pm – 1.30pm / option to join remotely. | Invitation to go out via email. | Mrs C Mrs Blake |



Finberry Parent
Forum Questionnaire

| Uniform Practical | Uniform is Affordable |
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| Yes | Yes very much so |
| Unfortunately, not. Burgundy colour is very difficult to find anywhere else expect the website you advise to buy from. The last order took over 6 weeks to arrive. | Yes, it is. |
| White t shirts get dirty constantly and are not practical. | It is. |
| I love the fact that is quite a dark colour. | Yes but the sports was expensive |
| Yes I think so | If sourced elsewhere than from Mapac it is affordable. But Mapac prices are not affordable given the lower quality of all items |
| Uniform is practical. However the quality from Mapac is very poor, especially given the price. | Like the fact that although t-shirts can have logo, cheaper supermarket ones are easy to replace. Sweatshirts good price. |
| Yes, standard uniform | Only buy the school jumpers as I think the rest of the 'branded' items are completely unnecessary & an expense that really isn't needed. |
| White t shirts are the most impractical idea for school tops! They get ruined so fast! | Could be slightly cheaper. Or offers like 4 for 3 or 5 for 4. |
| Yes, but jumpers are not great quality. Even after 50 washes it loose colour. | Yes. |
| Very practical. | i think so (as long as one doesn't have to update the uniform each yr to a new model). |
| it is practical in that there is no questioning what to wear today; we had to get more comfortable shoes online. | It is affordable all the time you can buy unbranded polos and bottoms from supermarkets. |
| Yes, it is and it looks smart too whilst not being restrictive however I do wish the jumpers were a bit more tumble dryer friendly and didn't shrink so much. | Yes it is. |
| Yes, however I feel that the cardigan is very thick. Maybe a thinner cardigan would be better for the warmer weather. | Yes - I also think it's good not everything has to come from the school shop but the stuff that does is great quality and reasonable |
| Yes - smart, practical and a good range of choices for both boys and girls | Yes - when you ensure there is plenty of growing room. A number of the non-branded basics are available second hand (ebay etc) |
| | Agree |

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| <p>White tops are very smart, but are very hard to keep looking clean (drywipe marker is very hard to get out of these). Zip up cardigans instead of jumpers would be easier for the younger pupils to put on rather than button cardigans or jumpers</p> <p>Strongly agree</p> <p>Yes because everyone has to wear the same and no brand/label pressure.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes - I'm glad that the kids are encouraged to wear polo and jumper. So many schools have ties from junior years & I feel this isn't very practical for primary school.</p> <p>Book bags on the other hand are not practical, especially if you are walking to school or have multiple children. They only fit a book in (not water or packed lunch) and it makes life unnecessarily difficult - I think that's why so many parents have stuck to back packs.</p> <p>Yes except the insistence on using a book bag instead of a rucksack (which now seems to be ignored!)</p> <p>Finberry school uniform I feel is very practical.</p> <p>Uniform is defenetly important for equality</p> <p>yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes uniform is practical :)</p> <p>I feel the uniform is very practical and smart for the children to wear. Some sort of fleece or light jacket would be a nice option for the children too.</p> <p>Yes I do.</p> <p>Darker colours, so doesn't show as much dirt etc!</p> <p>Yes, the darker colour cardigans and jumpers are great as they don't stain and are hard wearing.</p> <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes it affordable for the jumpers but PE jumpers are too expensive and so are the school t-shirts.</p> <p>No</p> <p>I think the jumpers could be cheaper but we don't have an option to buy elsewhere. I always buy other bits from supermarkets rather than Macpac to reduce costs.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>It's affordable if brought from most supermarkets.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>I feel the uniform isn't as affordable as I'd like for example jumper being just over 8 pound and if your child is messy eater or arts and crafts ect this can get expensive as multiple jumpers will need to be bought or especially if growth spurt and your on a small budget if low income family</p> <p>Yes it is affordable as its really only a few items you need to get online - the rest of it, you can purchase a anywhere.</p> <p>Yes I do.</p> <p>We have the option to only have to buy the sweatshirt from Macpac and the other items can be from a place of your choice dependant on budget/design.</p> <p>Yes, The jumpers and cardigans are affordable for the quality you get.</p> <p>No - too expensive</p> <p>"Iron on" Finberry logos would save £'s as parents could make plain white polo shirts etc into corporate uniform items cost effectively.</p> <p>Not really. We should be able to buy plain Jumpers and sew on a logo.</p> <p>Yes it is affordable.</p> |
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| Mostly, but white shirts are really not a practical colour, especially for younger children | Payment plans may be helpful for those who are stuck or second hand uniform |
| Yes it is practical. | Would also be helpful to those that can't afford it |
| Adjustments need to made so that children with sensory needs have other options for school uniform | Yes, the price is reasonable for the branded products |
| Yes, happy with it | Yes |
| Yes | Yes and hard-wearing too. |
| Yes I like the school uniform. I do wish the children's pens were more washable though. They stain white shirts terribly. I also really like the PE sweatshirts. It's a shame these can't be worn more regularly. | Yes overall. |
| Yes I think it is practical. No issues. | Yes |
| Yes it's lovely! | The uniform is affordable but its very poor quality. The jumpers are ok but the T shirts are terrible quality. I buy plain ones for the winter from other stores as the quality is way above. |
| Finberry uniform is smart yet practical. | Yes it is affordable |
| The uniform is perfect | Yes |
| Yes | Yes, although the Mapac jumpers/cardigans are not of a particularly good quality. |
| Yes. Optional items are helpful, as well as not having to buy too much branded stuff. | To some degree |
| Yes | |

Thoughts and Ideas re Uniform

More practical colour that can be found in a bigger supermarket like Morrisons, sainsburys or tesco.

I believe other parents have mentioned that the quality isn't as good as it was, I find that not tumble drying it helps to keep it from damage.

Alternative sources of school uniform should be made available with/without school logos etc.

Standard, smart uniform. (Although child does prefer hoody to sweatshirt given choice)

If you are going to keep with white shirts please find paint/pen options that actually wash out as the current ones used absolutely do not

You have burgundy school jumpers and cardigans and some children wear a burgundy summer dress and some wear a red summer dress. My opinion they should be burgundy not red.

it def would be good to be able to give outgrown uniforms back to the school and then given to those in need.

I like the fact there is a branded school jumper, it gives the children a collective identity. I went to more than one school as a child and one school didn't have a uniform, there was a very obvious financial divide that even as primary aged children we could spot because uniform helps to stop that from happening.

Thinner material cardigan for warmer weather would be good.

I like the uniform it's smart and affordable and durable enough for the kids to roll about in!

Second hand uniform sale

Nil to report

I think with the book bags a rucksack should be available as the book bags are too small and open easily.

I'm not particularly happy about you pushing book bags on the children. I understand you have limited space but as a new school I would have thought this could be factored in that kids bring bags in with them. I'm also not happy with the cost of waste of changing from a perfectly good backpack (which actually isn't much bigger than a book bag). I feel you are using our children to guilt trip us a little with this too!

Making book bags compulsory was very impractical, and a waste of money as we bought one especially which my daughter just can't use. She can't fit her lunchbox or water bottle in the book bag, nor her sketch books and pens which she likes to use at lunchtime and after school. We've reverted back to using a rucksack which is also healthier for her back when walking to and from school. Maybe this should have been a rule just for the younger classes.

"Burgundy summer dresses.

A school logo to be sewn onto jumpers and cardigans.

Closed toe sandals for summer ie black jelly shoes."

N/a

My son has the book bag, however this is not big enough or effective enough to use as a school bag.

Happy with current uniform :)

"Nothing I can think of.

Looks smart 😊 and have been told this by other mums from different school's 👍 "

None

All items need to be "tumble dryer friendly " which it currently is not.

Plain black/navy/maroon hoodies or jumpers should be acceptable for PE. The logo hoodie is far too expensive especially for the amount of wear it gets.

The school cardigans and jumpers are an odd fit. The cardigans in particular have a torso that is almost triangular with a narrow waist fit compared to the chest and arms.

Material needs to be thicker and options for fleece jackets or lighter material for summer

I like it

It looks neat and nice to all the children

I understand the reasons for standard uniform but I don't see why it still exists within our schools. We are all about children finding their own identity and the way they work. The children could also do this by being able to wear their own personal clothes instead. A red pair of joggers wouldn't affect their listening skills.

It would be better if we could access it more easily and quickly perhaps from the local uniform shop in town?

None

I don't have any comments for the uniform. It is perfect uniform

Nothing

Sizing of Mapac also unusual. 3-4 or 5-6 but no 4-5 presented some challenge and ended up needing more than required than if there had been 4-5 size.

N/a