

Redhills Primary School – Parent Forum

We were excited to hold our second Parent Forum on Wednesday 7th February. This forum was an opportunity for parents to meet school and Multi Academy Trust leaders who are currently responsible for the leadership and governance at Redhills Primary School. **The aim of these meetings is to listen to parents' viewpoints, so that school leaders are informed by views, and to answer questions about the school's journey through a time of change.**

Notes from Parent Forum Meeting – Wednesday 7th February 2018

Parking situation on Landhayes road

There was a lot of discussion about the parking and what we could do as a community to improve the current situation. Mr Jaworski explained that we are going to be having more regular visits from the PCSO, who did visit and ticketed a car for parking illegally, and implementing a walking to school scheme to reduce the number of vehicles.

Extra-Curricular clubs

Mr Jaworski outlined that we are introducing many new clubs which are starting after half-term. Parents welcomed the new clubs and were also keen to let us know of their thoughts - please let us know if you have a brilliant idea for a club!

Recruitment of Permanent Head of School

Parents asked if Mr Jaworski was going to continue as Head of School and wanted to understand the term secondment. Mrs Platt explained that a secondment meant that we were borrowing Mr Jaworski from his school until July 2018. The school will be shortly advertising for a permanent Head of School, as we are legally required to do this, but it is hoped that Mr Jaworski will want to apply for this position. Mr Jaworski explained that he is very much enjoying his time at Redhills and thanked the parents for the warm welcome he has received.

Uniform

Parents wanted to discuss the uniform and the timeline to have logos on outer layers. Mrs Platt explained that we did send out the timeline for uniforms in the previous minutes from the first Parent Forum meeting. Parents were in agreement with the uniform policy and Mrs Platt also explained the new iron on logos were due to arrive after half-term.

Walking access to school

Parents asked if we could open the 'old' steps in the Key Stage 1 playground to help with parking and congestion. Mr Cousins explained that the steps were sold previously, but we are in discussions with the new owner of the land. Mr Jaworski outlined that we will be opening the gates at the bottom of the playground before and after school to help improve access. We will let you know how discussions progress regarding the steps.

Changes of staff

Parents are understandably unsettled about members of staff who have left the school over the last six months. We explained that leaders in the trust have reacted to these changes by doing all that they can to provide as much stability as possible during this period of change. The Directors of the Academy Trust and the senior leaders are hugely committed to prioritising Redhills during this period, and for this reason have seconded Mr Jaworski as Head of School, and Mrs Platt has been made Executive Headteacher and will be in position for the foreseeable future.

Our next few Parent Forum meetings are planned for:

- **Thursday 8th March 2018 at 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 8.40am**

We hope to see you at one or both of these!