

# Parent Forum Notes

## 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Actions resulting from discussions in previous meeting:**

Moving to Arbor, and parents booking wraparound themselves, has resulted in the removal of a late charge for 3.15 Club.

Charges for lunches and wraparound care are automatic in Arbor.

Year 3 and 4 children will be performing at the end of the Spring term.

### **Attending**

Mrs Palmer

Governors: Di Tunnard

Number of parents 3

#### **1. Unofficial One-way system for traffic at drop-off and pick-up**

Mrs Palmer said that she knew of schools that had unofficial one-way traffic systems and asked parents if they thought this would be useful at Sharow. This is not something that the school could action. There was some discussion about this causing more of a problem for anyone who did not know / comply and that it may create more of a problem. The speed of traffic through Sharow was identified as a concern for parents and will be offered to the School Council as something they may wish to get involved with.

#### **2. Bullying**

As it is Anti-bullying week, Mrs Palmer wanted to ask parents for their comments. Parents didn't feel that bullying was an issue. The children had talked about Odd Socks Day but not explicitly about it being Anti-bullying Week. It was felt that this may be because it is an ongoing message. One parent mentioned that they felt that some children would benefit from thinking about 'respect in sport'.

#### **3. One-hour early dismissal at the end of term times**

This had previously happened at the end of each term. The school is aware that it does provide some difficulty as it is different to usual arrangements, although it only happens once in the year now – at the end of the summer term.

Giving notice early should allow people to make arrangements.

#### **4. Church event timings**

Request that church events start later so that collection after these coincides more with the usual finish of 3.15pm. School will look at the planned services for the rest of the year.

#### **5. Available playtime equipment**

Parents expressed concern that some playtime equipment is not used appropriately by children and that injuries have occurred.

Mrs Palmer has since undertaken some analysis of accidents to date from the start of the term. There have been 7 accidents involving playtime equipment, discounting footballs: 2 with skipping ropes; 3 with hula hoops; 1 with a frisbee and 1 with a bat. Breaktime staff have been asked if they feel that the provision of equipment is unsafe and they feel that it is mostly used appropriately and without injury.

The equipment will therefore remain available.

#### **6. Smartphones**

Not all parents were aware that young children are often given their own smartphones. Children in school regularly report friendship problems due to activity on WhatsApp. Some parents are part of a campaign to support others in their decisions not to provide smartphones for their children until after primary school age. The school supports this campaign. The school's support PCSO reports that bullying on phones is a significant problem in secondary schools. Request to see if he can provide some support for the campaign.

#### **7. Thank you to school staff**

Appreciation for school staff was expressed for their efforts during the term.