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Parents' Forum

Dear Parents,

For some time now, the governors have been actively seeking parents to join the Governing Body as Parent Governors. Some parents were interested in applying but did not feel that they had enough time to commit to the role.

At Cove Junior School, we are committed to listening to and responding to, the views and opinions of our parents and so I would like to establish a Parents' Forum. My hope is that each class would have a 'Parent Representative' but all parents are welcome to attend any meeting.

Meetings will take place termly and will provide an opportunity to discuss any items of interest / concern or current ideas. These may be specifically related to our school or to wider education issues.

Benefits for Children

- Their parents will receive advice and information about how to support their learning.
- Their concerns can be resolved more quickly when their parents have a positive relationship with school staff.

Benefits for Parents

- Parents' active involvement in decision-making is increased, fostering a culture of ownership and participation.
- Parents get the support and advice they need to help and encourage their children with their learning.
- Parents have more information about their children's education and the quality of their education.
- Parent Forums can improve working relationships between the school and parents who are already involved in the school.

Benefits for the School

- School is able to develop a better understanding of the views and needs of parents and how they might address them.
- Parents contribute time, ideas and skills which complement the ideas, skills and expertise of staff and governors.
- Parent Forums enable the school to keep parents informed and allow them to be part of decision-making processes
- Parents become involved in all aspects of school life.
- Parent Forums provide a clear route for parents as a group (rather than as individuals) to feedback to the school and governing body.

- School can reach out to parents who are currently less engaged or not at all engaged with the school and overcome some of the barriers which prevent parents from engaging with the school.

We recognise that not all parents will be able to attend meetings due to dates and timings but hope that those who are able to attend will find the meetings useful. Parents who are unable to attend meetings will be able to submit items for the agenda if they wish to. All minutes will be shared after each meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings:

Autumn Term

Monday 17th December at 2:45pm

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th March at 2:45pm

Summer Term

Thursday 13th June at 2:45pm

Some Suggested Agenda Items for the Autumn Term Meeting:

1. Homework
2. Road safety
3. Fundraising

If you are able to attend our Autumn term meeting, please complete the slip below

Kind regards

Tracey Hickie

Headteacher

Autumn Term Parents' Forum Meeting

I am able to attend the meeting on Monday 17th December

I am not able to attend the meeting on Monday 17th December

Suggestions for agenda items:

Parent's Name: _____

Child(ren): _____ Class(es): _____