

Parent Forum Minutes



CHILDREN COME FIRST.

Meeting title:	Somerby Parent Forum
Date and time:	Thursday 11th May 2023 at 5.00pm
Location:	Meeting at the school
In attendance	* Andrea Brown, Headteacher * Anna Duval, MET Clerk

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was conducted without any parents in attendance. One parent attended, but it was decided not to continue an in-person meeting rather to respond to feedback and questions and provide answers within the minutes.

A MS Forms survey was sent to all parents in advance of the meeting to give feedback and raise questions to the parent forum.

Reflecting on our journey since Summer 2021:

Parent feedback then was about the following issues:

- Swapping Staff – inconsistency / MET
- Communication – Where do parents find out information – Dojo/email?
- How do parents make contact with teachers if there is a problem or message to give?
- Quality and consistency of after school clubs.

Mrs Brown said that reflecting on the journey since starting at Somerby all of these issues have now been ironed out and have settled well. This feedback was taken from the Summer 2021 forum.

FOSS

Mrs Brown said thank you to FOSS who have organised a couple of events.

- Bags2School “raised over £80 this week which is brilliant”.
- Mrs Brown thanked Louise Buckenham who is organising the Clay Shoot in June. Proceeds will be split between school, the pre-school, and the Air Ambulance.

Library Update

The library is ever closer to being completed. The carpet is laid, the walls are painted, and the furniture will soon be ordered. Mrs Brown thanked FOSS who have donated the money being used for the furniture along with the £1000 donated from Somerby Town Estate.

School Estate update

Mrs Brown gave the following list of odd jobs that have been ticked off to improve the school environment.

- Retaining wall – currently obtaining quotes.
- Wall at the rear of the field – will be repaired.
- Railings – currently being painted!
- Removal of dead tree in the playground due to health and safety issues.
- New secure entrance system – with monitor for viewing visitors – installed.

What's new?

Work on Positive Mental Health Strategies

Mrs Brown said she is close to the end of her Senior Mental Health Lead Training. The next step is to write a policy which is currently in draft form awaiting sign off by the Heads of the Trust. She will lead a parent meeting in Autumn and staff training will be part of the school's August inset day.

There is now a website page dedicated to Mental Health Support for parents.

<https://www.abkettleby.org/page/?title=MENTAL+hEALTH+SUPPORT&pid=84>

Road Safety – the recent reply from Highways was sent out to parents – Mrs Brown will keep in touch as she hears more. Please photograph any dangerous incidents you witness and let her know so she can keep pestering them!

Breakfast Club / Extended School

Breakfast Club is still proving difficult to find. The hourly staff cost does not outweigh someone's time to travel to Somerby for an hour in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. We are looking as a Trust as to options for the future.

Residential Y56 2024. A residential for 2024 is booked following parental voice as to preferences. It will be Y5 and Y6 only on a two-year rolling programme.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers continue to be written – to give teachers a better focus for teaching, assessing, and planning.

School's Games Gold Award

Mrs Brown said the school are delighted to have achieved the Gold School Games Award! She gave a big thank you to all the children, staff and parents who have made this possible. The school is very proud of Mrs Brown (Sporty) who coordinates all the sports and makes this happen for our children.

Feedback from Parents: What is Working Well

Mrs Brown showed the following feedback that has been received from parents:

- Everything!
- School looking smart and feeling organised. Children seem really happy and calm in class, a great learning environment.
- At this moment I'm very satisfied with the provision provided.
- I just want to say how much we really appreciate you all at Somerby. I understand this is a really difficult time for teachers and staff at the moment.
Providing the children with the consistent education that you are, especially during strikes, isn't lost on us, thank you.

Feedback from Parents: Things to Improve?

There were no areas mentioned on this occasion for improvement.

Parent Questions

There were no questions raised on this occasion.

Next Parent Forum Meeting

The next Parent Forum will be in the autumn term.