

Governor Drop In – 2nd February, 2015.

Responses to issues and questions raised on meeting of the 2nd February.

Issue	Response
<p>Supervision in the playground and other areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents concerned about lack of supervision - Suggestion use of buddy system for older kids to support younger ones - Emphasis on being a “telling” school avoid secrecy “no snitching” culture 	<p>The issue was raised with the Headmaster who stated school has increased the number of adults providing supervision at break time. In addition a buddy system is in action linking older children with younger children and encouraging them to be supportive.</p> <p>The school continues to place emphasis on being a telling school and this has been the function of a recent school wide assembly.</p>
<p>Parental Communication</p> <p>Parents emphasised the desire that they wanted to be told if children had been involved in incidents.</p>	<p>School policy that teacher should communicate to parents/carers. If you feel this is not being done please speak to your teacher – let them know you would like and expect to be told.</p>
<p>Bullying & Exclusions</p> <p>Parents wanted clearer understanding of the exclusion process and process where bullies can be excluded from certain settings. Parents belief that perpetrators should be excluded more quickly and more often. Overall desire for school policy to be further publicised.</p>	<p>The school bullying policy is available on the school website. See under about us, policies and then statutory policies.</p> <p>Overall in dealing with all bullying issues the school’s objective is to maximise the welfare of all children in the school. However the school is subject to regulations and procedures in dealing with these matters that mean that processes by their nature can take time.</p>
<p>Teacher education around bullying</p> <p>Observation from parents that responses to bullying vary teacher by teacher. Question whether the teacher education that had been part of the bullying review recommendations had been implemented.</p>	<p>This is recognised as important and the subject will be addressed at the next inset day (instruction day for staff) when there will be a presentation by Gill Morris (Camden School Improvement Manager – Health and Well Being) on how to deal effectively with bullying.</p>
<p>School Meal Menus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call of daily menu to be set out in both infant and junior school, not regularly set out in Junior school - Call for publication of weekly menu in newsletter or other publication 	<p>The school is now providing a daily menu list for infants and juniors.</p>
<p>After school provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Call for more flexible pricing terms – particularly 1 hour care - P3 response that it would not be able to work with that provision - Commitment to get parent involvement in criteria for new after school provision when up 	<p>This will be considered in the context of the renewal of the after school provision in July. However the need to create a service that is financial sustainable for the school and the provider mean that there will always need to be comprises in terms of the kind of service offered.</p>

<p>for review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to check date for contract review and any measures available to boost uptake 	
<p>Halal Meat Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for Halal meat option to be made available 2 days per week - Follow up call for school to be consulted on the introduction of halal meat to be included in next annual survey - Background information on operational issues to be circulated to parents in advance 	<p>This was a subject that the governing body considered in detail last year. The steps to be undergone to allow halal meat to be served at school are substantial. It requires a 75% vote in favour from a consultation of 75% of the families of the school.</p> <p>In this light, we sought to address the issue by increasing the provision of fish which is halal on the menu. We don't believe that we would be able to pass the strict consultation criteria.</p>
<p>Films</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about the number and type of films show particularly at term end - Parents wanted more educational input - Notice of films and right to remove children if they consider them inappropriate 	<p>The choice of the film is at the discretion of the teacher and in most cases teachers try to link the films to topics the class have been studying.</p> <p>The film is generally a "treat" at the end of term and teachers will generally seek something that is likely to be engaging and interesting to the class group, whilst also offering an alternative activity.</p> <p>It remains a formal part of lesson time and therefore the statutory requirement for children to attend remains in place.</p>
<p>Sex Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent complaint that notice not given of when sexual education classes or presentations given. - Parents want notice so as to be able to respond to questions from inquisitive kids 	<p>This matter was raised at the FGB. The Headmaster reported that all parents and carers should get advance warning when sensitive issues are to be addressed at school.</p> <p>We will look at our procedures to ensure that this policy is covered in future.</p>
<p>Mansfield Bowling Club</p> <p>School refusal to support the campaign to bring the Mansfield bowling club into public use – Website question</p>	<p>This matter will be brought to the school premises committee for discussion.</p>
<p>Play Ground</p> <p>It would be really nice to have more in the junior playground for the children who don't enjoy football or basketball or just sport in general</p>	<p>This is currently being addressed in the consultation with children on the development of the KS2 Playground. Ideas are being developed and will be brought to the school council for a decision subject to the availability of funding.</p>
<p>School uniform</p> <p>Why can't we have one?</p>	<p>This is an issue that clearly splits the school with</p>

	strong views on either side. Until there is evidence of a forming consensus on one side or another we will continue with our current policy.
School Gateway Please can the school gateway be kept clear from bikes, prams, buggies etc	This has been included in previous news letter and we will continue to emphasise it.