

St John's Primary School and Nursery

Parent Forum

March 2015

Discussion Point	Action
<p><u>Residential</u> The Allnatt Centre Swanage, was accepted as the residential option for Yr5 and 6 in 2016. Parents agreed that it should be trialled in response to the parent questionnaire carried out last term.</p>	<p>1) Parent information evening and deposit collection to be arranged before Easter (HB)</p> <p>2) Reservation to be made by (HB)</p> <p>3) Payment plan to be arranged by (LM)</p>
<p><u>School Logo</u> General feeling was that the colour affiliated with a school provides the greatest identity. Little or nothing was known about the 'meaning' behind current logo and with certain provisos (phased introduction on uniform etc. to mitigate cost implications for parents and inclusion of pupils' input in design) all were open to change to reflect our caring ethos.</p>	<p>1) Inform stakeholders of the intention to change the logo and the reasons behind the change (DB)</p> <p>2) Ask School Council to co-ordinate children's input (HB)</p> <p>3) Ascertain a number of options, including the current logo, and put to parental vote (SLT)</p>
<p><u>Parent Pay</u> Parents present were in favour of the system providing that the transaction charge could be reduced to approx. 10 pence although concerns were raised that the system did not penalise parents who needed the facility of weekly payment.</p>	<p>1) Further research to approximate the number of transactions, confirm annual fee and approximate transaction charge (FT)</p> <p>2) Gain feedback on these figures with parents present (DB)</p>
<p><u>Report Format</u> All agreed that clarity was the most important aspect of all reports. Parents present valued reporting on all subjects. Discussion took place on moving forward with an age related system with categories such as Emerging, Meeting, Exceeding and Mastering. With this system, all agreed that an effort grade would be very important. Mr Barrow raised the issue that only about a quarter of parents respond to the report formally.</p>	<p>1) Produce new clear report format to compare child's attainment against age related expectation including an effort grade (SLT)</p> <p>2) Provide opportunity for parents to respond to report electronically in order to raise response rate (DB)</p>

<p><u>Communication</u> Mrs Gibbons raised the fact that she is still receiving paper copies of letters in addition to email. All agreed texts, the newsletter and Tapestry in Reception are very popular but very few parents refer to the website. Parents present could not think of any other way to improve communication.</p>	<p>1) Update paper copy list (LM)</p> <p>2) Feedback on how website reflects St John's to be gathered (parents present)</p> <p>3) Investigate possibility of adding a visitor counter to the website (KB)</p>
<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p>	<p>Share out trips across year groups but be mindful of cost of trips.</p>