

## Minutes of the Parent Forum held at Richmond Academy Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by Who
	<b>Meeting opened at 2pm - Present:</b>	Helen Evely (HT) Stuart Kemsley (SK) (PSA) - minute taker Invites sent to: Mrs Collins, Mrs Farr, Miss Beaven, Mr Tomkins, Mrs Skinner and Miss Fisher		
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	HT – We have received 15 responses to the Parent Forum Questionnaire. As the responses are anonymous, it is difficult to support individual queries.		
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Mr Tomkins and Mrs Skinner		
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Actions completed		
4.	<b>Matters Arising from previous meeting</b>	None		
5.	<b>Letter from the Board</b>	A letter from the Board was shared with the previous minutes of the last meeting.		
6.	<b>The Full re-opening of schools (March 8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	The consensus from the survey was positive and families feel supported. Families have also adopted a range of strategies to support from home too.  A number of comments made in the questionnaire in response to the return to school were; <i>"My child has settled back well teachers have been great"</i>  <i>"my children have a lot of anxiety since schools reopened but we are getting support from the school with these issues".</i>	HT to share responses with The Board.	HT

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		<p><i>"I feel both my children have had their wellbeing looked after... Both my children have very different support needs. However, they both thrived with the last lockdown school at home structure".</i></p> <p><i>"We have found they are quite strict for the older children. Not fully understanding of the older children's needs. After being home for a long time in lockdown. It's hard for them to re adjust"</i></p> <p><i>"It has gone very well, and I have had no concerns"!</i></p> <p><i>"I feel it was the right time for my child to return to school as a lack of routine and socialising was having an impact on not only their mental health but also behaviour".</i></p> <p><i>"I think the school have done an amazing job at looking after the children's wellbeing. My eldest has been having some issues at school, but I am very happy with the way the school is helping him and supporting me".</i></p>		
7.	<b>School Dinners</b>	<p>From the responses received, a number of the children have packed lunches. However, those that do have school lunches on the whole enjoy them as shown in the quotes below.</p> <p><i>"I think what you provide and range has helped my little boy improve in eating. Now at home, dinners are better as he will eat what we're having".</i></p> <p><i>"Yes both my kids have school meal and they love to eat in school"</i></p> <p><i>"She is entitled to free school meals but refuses to have them saying that they are not nice, apart from the Wednesday roast and the fish fingers".</i></p> <p><i>"My children don't have school dinners everyday but when they do have them they always say how nice the food is".</i></p>	<p>Speak to Teachers to encourage them to reassure parents that Dietary needs can be catered for within school meals</p> <p>Feedback to Nourish that portion sizes could be improved</p> <p>Feedback the positive comments to Nourish</p>	HT

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		One or two parents mentioned that the portion sizes could be bigger and that their children are still hungry after lunch. The Deli option is really popular but some of the hot meal options are not.		
8.	<b>Y6 Final Term</b>	<p>Suggestions made in the survey include the following:</p> <p><i>"something fun that's all would enjoy and make some memories"</i></p> <p><i>"I think a prom would be amazing"</i></p> <p><i>"an event on the school field with hopefully good weather"</i></p> <p><i>"Yes it would be nice for them to go somewhere but I myself still get worried more than normal due to covid".</i></p>	Discuss ideas with Yr6 team in line with Government guidance	HT
9.	<b>Items for the next agenda</b>	PSHE Curriculum and After school clubs		
10.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	23 June 2pm	PSA to publish minutes of the meeting	PSA