

St. Bernadette Catholic Primary School, London Colney



Parent coffee afternoon

Agenda - 29.01.24

1. School Trips - rising costs

We discussed the rise in coach costs and the average price of a trip being between £20-£30. We discussed potentially limiting trips to x2 a year.

Parents were positive about the trips and felt they were beneficial, particularly as they were linked to what the children were learning.

One parent appreciated more notice given to residential costs and noted that this had helped with financial planning.

Actions:

- Consider parent helpers for any local trips to cut down on coach costs
- Consider sharing resources with the academy trust

2. Parents Evening - face to face / online

We discussed whether parents felt that it would be better to return to face to face meetings.

One parent stated it was useful to give people the option.

However, all parents at the meeting preferred face to face.

The co-headteachers stated that the staff would prefer face to face.

Actions:

- Trial return to face to face parents evening and give parents the choice to complete this as a phone call / online if preferred.

3. Governor Recruitment

Co-headteachers gave a brief outline of the roles and asked if parents could think about whether they or anyone they know may be willing to volunteer as a school governor.

Actions:

- Contact local churches beyond our lady of walsingham to share the advert.

4. Parent Issues Raised

Fundraising Ideas:

- Easyfundraising App - fundraising for parents
- Easter egg hunt (pasta) / hampers

Actions:

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5. Follow up - Actions

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