

Parent Council Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

1. Smoking – Sue Smith from RMBC came to talk to the group about trying to educate parents about smoking and reducing the number of parents smoking at the school gates.

Sue showed the group a letter and some resources that we could use to make parents and carers more aware about smoking and vaping around children. The group discussed how they would like the letter to look and what they would like to include. The group thought that having MVP child's views on smoking within the letter/posters etc would be quite powerful.

The group decided to target specific times of the calendar year when stopping smoking is promoted within the NHS and media, such as New Year new start, National no smoking week.

Parents thought it would be good for children to become involved with the key events ie on smoking week to run a smoking information stand outside school to promote awareness around smoking and vaping. Using children's designs for posters around school site.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Logan are to look at organising timetable of key events around smoking and programme some activities in. One of the parents has taken the promotional letter to work on and redesign for the school.

Parents were happy with the discussion and ideas that have been suggested.
2. Door opening times – A Parent asked if classroom doors are opened on time as they are struggling to do morning tasks with her two children as they are different classrooms.

School staffs are going to check this is happening. Some of the parents are not having any issues with this.
3. Parent Classes - Asked if classes for parent & carers can be organised. School staff will look in to this. Unfortunately a lot of funding has been cut and family learning who had run a lot of courses in the pass do not run them now. Mrs Logan said that we provide workshops around training ie helping child to read etc but they are not always well attended. A healthy lifestyle course is to take place in January 2019 run by RMBC Leisure centre and this will be aimed at families so parents can get involved too. Mrs Taylor & Mrs Logan will look to see if there is any other courses that may be able to run that are funded.
4. End of school day – Parents had said that it is taking a while to collect children from classes and said a staggered finish would be better. Some parents said they didn't agree and said that the class rooms being at one side of the building had helped with the children being collected on time. However

they did say that Foundation stage is taking longer to let children out and they are still waiting at 3.30pm sometimes. It was discussed that this maybe down to new children in school getting used to routines etc however staff may take longer to release FS children as they need to make sure they are released safely and this may take a little longer than normal classes. Mrs Logan is to look at the process of children being let out from FS.

5. Fundraising - A parent had asked if we had any charity fundraising planned. We have children in need on the 16<sup>th</sup> November where staffs are planning some activities for children.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December it is the Christmas Fair and parents are happy to volunteer at the event.

Parents said how successful the Enterprise club had been and is this something that can continue? Mrs Taylor and Mrs Logan said they would be looking at doing this again soon but maybe fortnightly not weekly.

6. Communication

Parents asked if they could email in suggestions for the parent council instead of putting them in the gold box – Yes please send them to the school email address which is [meadowviewprimary@rotherham.school](mailto:meadowviewprimary@rotherham.school).

Parents also wanted to know why there hadn't been many tweets from classes recently – Mrs Logan and Mrs Taylor are to remind classes to tweet, there have been amendments to what will be tweeted due to the new GDPR regulations and we will no longer tweet pictures of children. A parent asked about Dojo and said they weren't aware that we are not using it again this year. The decision had been made not to use it as we a new behaviour system in school.

Parents asked if they could be made aware of the rewards for children for the reading challenge. Mrs Logan said she would check with classes about