

Highcliffe School Parent Forum Meeting 2 – 15th February 2022

17 parents booked with 8 parents attending.

Introductions

Mr Earnshaw, Mr Davies and Mr Downs introduced themselves and thanked parents for attending. Introduced the Parent Forum as a mechanism to further improve our communications and seek feedback from new or established activities.

Focus is to allow two-way communication and direct feedback allowing school to gain insight in to both proposed changes and areas that may need developing.

Main Areas of Discussion

- Mr Downs covered the actions taken since the last meeting. These can be seen on the previous set of notes from the October meeting. Mr Downs also introduced the Parents Forum section of the website.
- Mr Earnshaw detailed the work being undertaken in school regarding Capital investment. This included the history of why the school has many temporary classrooms as well as actions being taken around trying to secure future capital funding to improve facilities. Mr Earnshaw also detailed the £1.8m heating and water replacement work that has just started.
- Mr Davies discussed the launch of the pastoral support button with parents. He explained the pastoral support button was introduced as an additional method for students to request support from the pastoral team. Bournemouth university has a similar function and a member of their staff was very helpful in discussing the impact it had there.

Mr Davies was pleased with the feedback from parents on the evening which including:

- Promoting again with both parents and students.
- Keeping the function for parents to use this.
- Good to have the links to further support especially outside of school hours.

Mr Davies hopes to have some feedback from students soon to see the uptake.

- Mr Downs sought feedback regarding the 're-introduced' Parents Bulletin email. This discussion moved quickly on to text messages, emails and letters all being sent in different ways. Feedback was given that parents are now so used to using MyHighcliffe that they would welcome communications being via MyHighcliffe with automated notifications rather than receiving text messages or emails. This included bring in:
 - Term Dates
 - Lunchtime and After School Activities
 - Attendance Forms
 - Options Information

There was a strong message that parents would like to see the automated reminders for Covid testing retired.

- Relationship and Sex Education Policy – Mr Downs asked for volunteers to work with the school on the Relationship and Sex Education policy over the coming term with the school. 6 people agreed they would hopefully be able to help depending upon date and time. Mr Downs will email out when confirmed.