

Notes from Parent Forum 3 – January 2020

Introduction

Parents and staff introduced themselves. Attendance was: 10 parents; Kate Richards, Julia Hinchliffe and Steve Murray as staff members.

Feedback from Parent Forum 2:

1. Fundraising ideas:

Recipe book is going ahead. Please send in recipes to k.richards@osb.school

We are still investigating the Parent Pay rounding-up opportunity. It's a great idea, but ParentPay struggle to add in donations in this way. We will continue to try to find a way around this.

Other fundraising ideas:

Further activities for people to get together – teachers and students; teachers' sports day; dance-athons etc.

2. Girls access to free period products – how should they be distributed?

Going to the toilet is an issue – many students don't go at all during the day. School staff mentioned contextual safeguarding and asking students directly in an anonymous survey where they feel safe/unsafe in school. This survey is due to take place at the end of term. Parents feel some girls are embarrassed to ask at Reception for pads. Is there a place we can put them? e.g. directly in toilet cubicle? One parent was concerned that girls might mess around with free pads in toilets. Parents recommended making time in tutor groups to discuss the importance of respecting the products provided.

3. E-safety (Steve Murray)

a) How do your children use the internet – positive and concerns?

Some parents are very open about internet use and share examples from the news about scams and concerns. Some monitor and check their children's tablets. Many keep phones downstairs at night.

Parents felt the key was to teach students how to play safely. Concern raised around some Instagram/snapchat posts.

b) How can the school can support parents? What would you like to learn and how long for?

Need to be shown how we can monitor and support our students online. Parents would like a list of games that are unsafe, and appropriate ages. Also knowing which apps are safe, and where apps may be less safe.

Parents considered the amount of time children spend online and what is safe. They recognise that with peer pressure it can be difficult to stop.

A number of parents wanted to physically be introduced to apps and see the information live, not just read about how to stay safe.

Parents asked for school staff to ensure E-safety coverage in each year group and keep it up to date

One parent felt the most helpful aspect is to control the amount of data children have – this is key. Do we know how much data children use? Could the school survey students to find out averages, and recommended amounts.

Parents were interested in finding out how to restrict hours on a router and how to establish parental controls. How would getting a timer work?

Parents recommended controlling the amount of time available to students for example controlling from 10.30pm to 6am so children get enough sleep.

Find out how to get onto our routers and how to put in key search terms which will let parents know if they have been searched for.

Parents recognised that there is a question over level of trust for students. They asked the school for practical solutions, not just discussion.

One parent requested a carousel of tables they could visit, where they could physically see what is going on with children and then talk to staff/experts in more details. For example including:

- a) different apps – in-app purchases
- b) e safety and mental health
- c) Adult content and blocking this
- d) Sports games/what they're watching
- e) Hacking devices – how easy is this? How to stay safe

Parents requested key staff to go and talk to if e-safety concerns. Sometimes tutors just don't know enough, so it could be a few specialists who can deliver the e safety message and be the go-to people if there are problems. The e-safety leadership group may be able to help too.

[4. Any Other Business](#)

Parents were reminded that the Relationships and Sex Education Consultation will be coming out soon.

A huge thank you to the Hospitality and Catering students who produced wonderful food for the event.