

Notes of Parent meeting held Tuesday 16th February 2021

25 parents were in attendance, at the Zoom meeting which was called by the Headteacher to discuss parent welfare, remote learning and general wellbeing during the ongoing pandemic.

Parents unanimously thanked the school for organizing this meeting. Parents noted that:

- remote learning is going very well, pupils are engaging and are catching up on learning;
- teachers are putting a lot of effort in to ensure that lessons are engaging and impacting;
- the remote learning timetable is helping to maintain some routine and normality in these difficult times;
- the loan of ICT devices has helped to alleviate the barriers to remote learning;
- this parent meeting is useful and should be continued.

Some parents requested help with:

- devices – to enable their children engage in remote learning. The SBM confirmed that there is now a waiting list as all the devices available have been given out.
- Pupil engagement – one parent pointed out that her son is not responding appropriately to remote learning. Other parents pointed out that this child had been called to order many times by the class teacher, and advised the mother to monitor his behaviour more closely.

Questions:

- Question: Did the school receive devices from the DfE like other schools, and what happened with those devices?
- Answer: The SBM confirmed that 27 devices were received from the DfE. These have all been allocated to pupils along with others from the school's own stock. To date, more than 50 devices have been issued out to pupils. The school also obtained an additional donation of 20 iPads from a local organization and these are being configured and will be issued out if the lockdown continues much longer.
- Question: does the school expect the devices to be returned when school reopens?
- Answer: yes, the devices need to be returned to the school. All the devices are currently still logged into the school domain, so that the software that pupils need for remote learning which are on the school's licenses can be made available. The school will consider when some of these devices can be given out to pupils when things return to normal. Such devices will be removed from the school domain and have their memory wiped, in line with Data Protection guidelines.

The Headteacher thanked all parents for attending and promised to organise another meeting soon.

The meeting ended at 2:35pm.

Liz Bart-Williams – SBM (notes)

A Ruthven – Headteacher