



Coffee, Cake and Chat 25th January 2018

Members of Oaks Academy Development Group, School Staff and Parents got together informally in the Acorn centre to discuss a range of topics. This event provided Parents with the opportunity to ask questions, raise issues or discuss matters affecting their children at Oaks. It also gave the School the opportunity to ask for feedback into a number of areas in order to continue to improve the standard and quality of development and engagement provided to their children. This was the second such forum of the school year and was held prior to the end of the school day in order to engage as many parents as possible.

Parking

While improvements have been seen there is still a persistent issue with dangerous and inconsiderate parking at the junction of Mangravet Avenue and Sutton Road, as this junction continues to get busier it is important for the safety of our children that this area and the crossing point are kept clear at all times. Please continue to report near misses or minor collisions/incidents to the police using the 101 system. Please if you do park here consider that while you may feel it is absolutely necessary and a brief stop won't do any harm think how you would feel if one day a child does suffer serious injuries or worse as a result of your actions. Remember this could be YOUR child! We will continue to look at options to stop cars from stopping outside of the school.

School Bank

The school operates a school bank scheme for parents to save money, this can be for school trips but also for general savings, this remains your money and can be accessed at any time for any reason but can help cover costs of school outings. Many parents are not aware that this facility exists and as a result a re-launch of the school bank will take place in the future. The school ensures that its pupils have as many opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities and school trips, often these trips are wholly or partially subsidised but where charges are required the school will keep these to a minimum.

Pupil/Parent Responsibility Before and After School

Please be aware that when you arrive to drop your children off in the mornings they remain under the care of their parent/guardian until they enter the school. Once a child has been released into the care of their Parent/Guardian at the end of the day they again become the responsibility of that Parent/Guardian. There are still instances of children being left on school premises unsupervised in the mornings, could we ask that children remain supervised at all times both prior to and after school.

School Trips

Concerns were raised regarding the school trips arranged for the pupils and their suitability or engagement values. School trips are planned in accordance with the national curriculum and wherever possible look to include some form of educational benefit or tie in. Every child will have their own ideas as to what trips are fun and which are not however the school has a broader responsibility to ensure greater pupil engagement through trips. As previously noted trips are often subsidised however due to increasing costs it is harder for the school to cover the entire costs of trips. General feedback from the pupils is that the trips organised are fun and rewarding, if you wish to discuss these trips or have any concerns regarding them please contact school staff or a development group member.

Oaks Academy Development Group

As the school has grown over the past few years and many new children and parents have joined the school. Many will not be aware of how Oaks is governed or by who. Therefore, we will send out to parents an overview of what Oaks Development group does and who is involved. It is important that parents know who they can speak to if they have a problem and that they are aware of the work the group does to support the school and their children.

Next Open Event

We will plan a meeting after the Easter break to again offer parents an opportunity to speak with staff and development group members. If you have any concerns in the meantime please feel free to contact us, if you are unsure how to do this please speak to the school office who will help to put you in touch.