



Parent Forum Feedback from Thursday 22nd March 2018

You Said...

We Did...

<p>You were interested to see first hand how the new one way system works and some of the challenges staff and students face moving around on the upper floors and staircases. You felt that the introduction of the one way system was a positive, but did highlight examples of where adjustments may be needed based on the experiences of your children. You also believe the introduction of a second exit at the end of the day will help and that staff being consistently present on corridors and around school really helps.</p>	<p>We are pleased with the progress so far but do acknowledge that further improvements can be made. We are undertaking a review of the one way system now it has been in effect for a full term and will make the necessary adjustments. We are positive about the opening of a second exit at 3pm as we believe this will help create a calmer and safer environment as students leave. In addition, we continue to work with colleagues to ensure that staff are a visible and proactive presence around school at lesson change overs and other unstructured times.</p>
<p>You were interested to hear about the upcoming changes to data protection law and how this will affect you and your children.</p>	<p>We are committed to ensuring the school is compliant with the new legislation, known as the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) by its launch date of May 25th 2018. Staff in school are working to ensure that all our policies and procedures are in place and we would appreciate your support in any requests relating to this piece of work. We will also share with Parents/Carers, all of our new policies and privacy notices in due course which will provide you with important information.</p>
<p>You highlighted that in your children's reports you are asked by the school <i>"to look at the learning in ????'s exercise books and use the feedback and assessments in the book as a basis to talk with your child about the progress they are making, the skills they have and the skills that they need to develop. Getting them to think about how they can do this at home to support the work being done in school will help ensure he makes the maximum progress possible."</i> However due to the inconsistency in the quality of marking and the fact books are often not allowed to be taken home you find this difficult.</p>	<p>We acknowledge the situation you find yourselves in. As discussed, marking, feedback and how students "React" to this is a key focus for the school. We know there are inconsistencies in this area and this is something we are working hard to improve on.</p>
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<p>You wanted to highlight two areas of good practice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The whole class marking and feedback sheets being used in English, Humanities and some other subjects. Both you and your children find these extremely useful, which in turn helps their understanding and progress. 2. The staff who add comments to the green slips they award to Students. By knowing what your children have been rewarded for allows you to reinforce these positive behaviours. 	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We will share these comments with all our colleagues and look to develop this good practice more widely where possible.</p>
<p>You feel that the setting of and expectations around homework is still inconsistent. There are some good examples where homework genuinely extends and aids the learning at school but there are other examples where no homework is set, or that which is, is not marked or does not appear to be linked to classroom learning</p>	<p>Thank you for informing us. We will ensure this is shared with leaders overseeing this area so that they can take this into account when reviewing homework across the school.</p>
<p>You would like to congratulate the staff and students involved in the recent DofE awards evening and the Oldham Coliseum project. Both were fantastic examples of young people excelling themselves and a great testament to the staff supporting them.</p>	<p>We will ensure this lovely feedback is shared with all involved, thank you.</p>
<p>You reported that the current account balance stands at £1016.10, however this does not yet account for the donation to the recently completed student bike store.</p>	<p>Thank you for the update and your continued efforts.</p>

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