

## **Questionnaire for Parents/Carers November 2017**

### **Questions 18-22**

**18. Attendance has been an issue at recent events. Is there anything additional we could do to promote your attendance at parent workshops and parent afternoon events at the school?**

- Some workshops are during working hours, which makes attending impossible.
- A lot of the meetings/events are mid-afternoon, this makes it difficult for parents who work full time to attend even when they want to.
- Maybe an opportunity for parents to meet before (light refreshments?) going into class areas.
- We attend most of the events so we are happy with them.
- Make the events at a work friendly time.
- Make learning more fun.
- Do not have the same people running them – i.e. friends of parents who work here.
- More notice to give time for other childcare arrangements and times of workshops.
- Small gifts
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- Personally as I work full time I'm not always free to attend. But I try to attend where I can.
- Allow younger siblings as childcare is an issue.
- Stage them at different times and days.
- I did not know there was a parent workshop.
- Events should be later in the afternoon
- No I think people are happy in their ignorance – their loss.
- Yes hold evening sessions, can't always get time off.

**19. The school nurse could offer workshops, have you any suggestions for the workshops that you would like?**

- Anything that can be introduced in school to minimise germ spreading hand gel, hands inspected after washing.
- Workshops for child health and wellbeing e.g. recognizing child illnesses.
- Treating head lice/nit nurse.
- Behaviour, first aid, anger
- Hygiene

**20. Have you any ideas of how we can reduce lateness into school in the mornings?**

- I don't think the school is the problem for lateness. Parents are responsible for their children and it's them who have to be organised as they know what time school starts.
- Fine the parents if their child is late.
- Take them in quicker not leave them out in the cold.
- Another walking bus for other area.
- Not starting so early.

- By rewarding the children that are on time every day for a month. A month is a doable target. They will get used to it.
- It's up to each parent and teacher not to be late. If parents are late to bring their child to school, school should put charges on or not allow child in that day.
- Find somewhere to park.
- A text at 8:00 am telling parents they have one hour to get their child to school maybe?
- Introduce point systems.
- Trips for those that have attendance over 90%
- Free breakfast club
- Some sort of reward scheme.
- Collection bus.

**21. do you find the Curriculum Newsletters useful to inform you about what your child is covering in their year group?**

**Also the information on the school website how does this help you?**

- Yes. Opening hall (office)
- As I would like to be kept informed about what my child is doing and how my child is progressing, I enjoy receiving these newsletters. Website useful and helpful.
- Yes, it helps me when I know learning goals I can help my child to learn.
- Yes, also when we have the school reports out – could we have a section where we can respond/give feedback?
- Yes, they are very informative.
- Yes.
- Both the newsletter and the school website provide valuable information.
- Very useful/very informative.
- Not had teacher will send.
- Yes. Not used school website.
- It is very good to be informed and reminded of events and if anything is cancelled.
- Yes, because it lets me know everything that's going on in and out of school hours and in advance as my partner works away. We need to give one week's notice for time off.
- Well informed of developments.
- The curriculum newsletter is extremely useful – particularly as you can choose and help with the appropriate homework. I would like a topic/curriculum update pre term. Website is useful for term dates and general updates.
- Yes. First-hand information is clearer now.

**22. If you want to explain any of your answers, or if there is anything else you want us to know or any suggestions please tell us here.**

**Forest Lodge Community School would be even better if:**

- Overall the school is excellent organisation for learning. Well done and many thanks.
- As the breakfast club is being utilised more I think a little more time, resources and consideration needs to be given as to how it can run a little better. Although the two staff members that do it are absolutely great at what they do, you can see they are very busy
- I think it was good to be able to see the child's work.
- Parking on grass verges and pavements at pick up time – getting very dangerous.
- My child has only been there a short while but at the moment I'm just concerned about other parents parking on the grass near the school and I'm worried in the event of an accident happening to a child.
- Can we have two music events? And some shows in the evening – some people who work will be able to attend.
- The parents evening in the classrooms is a brilliant idea and to look at the children's books.
- An app like 'class dojo' would be very useful – it enables communication between teachers and parents. Shows child's progress, pictures as a secure site. Very personalised, highly recommended.
- Kids are allowed in class when it is raining.