



Bromley Heath Infant School

Parent Coffee Meeting

Date: Friday 2nd December

Notes	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed notes from our last meeting. Mrs Long explained that she had spoken to staff and governors regarding the addition of a grey polo shirt to the uniform options for children. She has not yet canvassed parents views on this but will before the end of the year. 	<p>Mrs Long to canvas parents and contact our uniform supplier</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents were asked to give their views on a homework expectations document that the school would like to add to the school's website. Why this was necessary was discussed and it was agreed that some parents were not aware of the homework expectations and at times asked for more. Governors were also concerned that the children should be more used to homework before going to the junior school. This document clearly outlines that the children already do a home work activity every day and 2 items three times a week and the school feel that this is sufficient to support the children's learning. The following changes were suggested: To rename the document and call it 'Home Learning Guidelines' and to change the formatting of the shading to make it easier to read. One parent was concerned that the new Mathletics homework, whilst great fun for the children, did cause some angst and competitiveness if children did not print their certificates and bring them into the school's praise assembly. They were reassured that very few children have brought in their certificates and little competitiveness had been noted in school. 	<p>Mrs Long to discuss this again with staff and the make changes if agreed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of Social Media guidelines were shared with the group and their views sought. Parents present thought that the guidelines were clear and would expect that all parents were already following the guidelines noted. It was noted that on occasion it had been necessary to ask for a social media post to be removed. It was agreed that it would be good to remind parents annually about their responsibilities regarding social media and its use. 	<p>Mrs Long to ask governors to ratify the guidance and then inform parents and post it on the school website.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents were asked about their views on the schools charging policy for school trips. One parent noted that other schools offered a refund of the entry fee 	<p>Mrs Long to consider changes to the charging policy.</p>

<p>if their child had not attended due to illness but the coach fare could not be refunded as it was a set cost. Most parents did not take up the offer of the partial refund.</p>	
<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents commented on how much easier it is to pay for school items and trips via the 'Parent Pay' system. 	<p>Mrs Long to pass this info to the office staff.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A parent noted that there had been fox poo in the playground and it was covered with a chair but not cleared for a few days. Parents were asked to report items like this to the school office and they will inform the caretaker who will deal with it. 	
<p>Suggestions:</p> <p>The following suggestions had been placed in the suggestion box.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Could the children wear their school jumpers on school photo day because white t.shirts on a white background did not look good.</u> It was thought that this was being done. Mrs Long agreed to make a note for next time. Some parents also noted that the photos were not as good this time. Mrs Long explained that the toddler and baby photos took a very long time before the school children's photos began. This is something that the school is looking in to and we may have to stop the toddler and baby photos with school children because of the time they take. Parents agreed with this and mentioned that in the past the FoS had organised a photo session in a Saturday for family photos. <u>Could all of the INSET training days be put together to give parents a chance to have a cheap holiday out of term time.</u> Mrs Long explained that the INSET days were staff training days and needed to be spread across the year to enable follow up and allow the school to develop new ideas and embrace new initiatives as they arise. Parents agreed that it was not feasible to do this. It was noted that the school had in the past set a Friday and Monday in consecutive weeks to enable parents to have a long weekend break outside of school holiday times and this could be considered again in the future. 	