



## **Minutes of Parent Forum meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

In Attendance: JRB (Deputy Headteacher), VB (Assistant Headteacher), VW (Joint Chair), MH, SE, DL, SS, MN, NS, RS, SM, JS

### **1. Apologies:** DK, SC, CJ, DD, DC

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

These were read by attendees and agreed with no amendments to be made.

### **3. Actions from last meeting**

An update was given on communication and homework, including:

- Satchel One passwords being reissued
- advance warning of some key dates being given
- planned rewards assemblies following the new 9-week SdFL rotation

No follow-up actions were needed.

### **4. Personal Development – points discussed**

- There were some concerns raised about conflict taking place in local parks and the impact that this might have on some of our students. Reassurance was given about links to local police and the communication between them and school and where the PD curriculum addressed this.
- Year 7 students had been discussing self-harm as part of the PD curriculum – there was a concern about the takeaway messages and how these are conveyed to students, as well as keeping parents updated so that they can have follow-up conversations at home.
- The Year 7 PD curriculum was discussed, and one parent felt that some of the content felt very grown up and asked whether this is wholly appropriate. While there was reassurance that the content is in line with National Curriculum, this will be discussed with PD lead.
- It was noted that the PD curriculum is not in curriculum booklets online. This needs to be remedied.
- There were many positive comments about the breadth of the PD curriculum.
- Parents asked who the PD lessons are delivered by, and it was explained that a small number of teachers deliver the sessions so are experienced and well-versed in doing so.

- A concern was raised about how much individuality staff can put into their PD lessons, for example selecting videos or other resources. The concern was around 'vetting' to ensure that all content was centrally deemed to be appropriate. We explained that the PD curriculum is aligned to the National Curriculum and therefore, that all content is appropriately planned and resourced.
- There was some discussion about the ways in which parents keep their children safe online, whether on phones, tablets, gaming etc. Some parents felt confident that they can do this, but others expressed frustration at not being fully aware of the ways to best manage this.
- It was suggested that it might be helpful if we held a parent event in school to raise awareness of this.

## **5. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (tbc)