

Parent Forum Minutes – 9th July 2019

Present – Kari Kvamme, Samantha Currie, Clare Boland, Heidi Smith, Miss Bradley, Mrs Crann, Caz Solkin, Andrea Walsh, Helen Clint.

Apologies – Michelle Wilson, Michelle Mageer, Sally Gillbanks, Phillipa Lewis, Fiona Keefe, Dave Herrity.

Foreign Languages in KS2 – Great Crosby Catholic Primary School are meeting the National Curriculum Guidelines. Madame Edwards has met with the Language Team at Sacred Heart Secondary School to plan topics and content taught. Oral fluency and immersion in the country and topic is achieved to a high standard.

PE in the curriculum – This should be taught in the same way as any other subject, not as a reward. SLT will ensure that this is carried out. Reports were made that a class got told to get changed back into their uniforms as part of the class were misbehaving.

Sims pay – Feedback from Parent Forum members was very good. Part payments can be made. Lunches, trips and music may be paid in this way. There should be one login (for all children in one family). At the moment Breakfast Club and certain clubs (from outside providers), must be continue to be paid by cheque or cash.

Photographs/videos of school performances and activities – Mrs Speed (Head Teacher) has recently been on a Safeguarding course run by Tracy McKeating, Locality Manager (Sefton MBC), that confirmed that here at Great Crosby we are following the correct guidelines for privacy and protection of our children. (Fostered/adopted children, vulnerable children and parents wishes). The footage of the children that staff take on these occasions is used to share with the children in year groups or classes or for display purposes in school. We understand that it is often frustrating and disappointing that your own photos and videos cannot be taken.

Sports Clubs/Representing the School – We have had a very full calendar this year including netball, golf, dance, football, rugby, swimming, athletics, cross-country and horse-riding. The school will always take as many teams as the event will allow to and try to accommodate as many children as possible. Often they will limit this to one team to facilitate smaller schools having an even chance. Swimming for year 3, we are still trying to find a suitable provider. Yoga, photography and cookery clubs are being investigated for next year.

Sports Days – All managed to go ahead (only a few minor rearrangements). Some very positive feedback, Reception being a non-competitive event was very well received, the children saying they all felt like winners and enjoyed showing off their skills. Some parents felt that there was a lot of waiting around to only see their child in a couple of events. Some thought the classes were too close together and quieter classes were drowned out with the cheering. Other parents/carers/children were impressed by the way everyone supported all the children. Great team spirit and camaraderie for even the last and slower members of their team.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 1st October 2019 – 7pm