Parent Forum

Meeting date: 21/03/2019

Agenda items:

- 1. Parking concerns.
- 2. Impact of academisation.
- 3. Questions for the Chief Executive Officer of the Central RSA Academy Trust.
- 4. E-Safety.
- 5. Lockdown procedure.
- 6. Any other business.

1. Parking concerns.

Angela Crawley raised concerns from local residents about inconsiderate parking by parents where driveways or pavements are blocked. Concerns too, about how some parents have reacted to being asked to move their vehicles.

Actions

Decision made to contact the local police and ask for support as policing the road outside of school is beyond school staff's remit.

Letter from local police to parents explaining the issues around the safety of children as well as neighbourly behaviour.

Signs to be displayed on the school fence.

Year 5 police cadets to escort the PCSOs down the drive at the end of the day and issue tickets of their own regarding their safety in relation to parking choices of parents.

2. Impact of academisation.

Questions asked about the impact that the academisation had had on children and their parents.

Parents discussed how little had changed at face value other than the signage and badge. Positive comments about the new minibus. One parent has a child who is part of the RSA4 project so this was a new opportunity through the process.

Actions

Potential for the school to promote all of the opportunities available to the children through the use of Twitter so all parents are aware of activities across all year groups.

3. Questions for the Chief Executive Officer of the Central RSA Academy Trust.

Angela explained that the CEO was hoping to attend the next Parent Forum meeting on Monday 10th June at 2pm and has asked for a list of questions.

Actions

Put a plea out on the PTA/Friends of Sutton Park Facebook page to try to illicit a number of questions from as many parents as possible. These need to be added to the page a week in advance so the questions can be sent to Guy Shears (CEO) with plenty of time.

4. E-Safety.

Dean Salisbury is looking to arrange another E-Safety week in the Summer term to include another parent workshop. The question of how to attract as many parents as possible was asked.

Actions

Parents were keen on the idea especially in the light of recent online concerns. It was thought that a hard-hitting flyer and the offer of refreshments would be the best way to increase numbers.

5. Lockdown procedure.

Angela Crawley explained the need for a lockdown procedure and how the school had had a very successful drill. It was also explained that the Sutton Park procedure does not involve the children under desks in brace position as this would cause distress unnecessarily. In the event of a lockdown the school is locked down completely but the classes carry on with their learning so they do not panic.

6. Any other business.

Discussion around lunchtime supervisors using the zoneboard. Angela Crawley explained that she is on duty at lunchtime and if there are problems that the lunchtime supervisors send children to her.

Any member of school staff can reserve the right to move children up and down the zoneboard.