

Ash Croft Primary School
Parent Forum – 4th April 20167

Attendees:

11 parents/Carers

Penny Brown – Executive Headteacher

Manpreet Ubhie – Head of School

Thank you to the parents who attended our parent forum. Issues that were raised/discussed:

We discussed:

- New parental engagement/parent forum – parents/careers enjoyed the craft morning with the children. This was followed by tea and biscuits.
- Structure of the school – SLT explained the structure of the school and the role of the Executive Head and Head of School as this was a concern for a parent.
- Plans of becoming a MAT – Penny explained that we have been planning for a while to become a MAT with 6 other primary schools. Derby City Council are currently creating barriers that we are trying to overcome.
- Class sizes- we currently have a PAN of 40, classes where there are a lot of children we have deployed additional staff. A parent mentioned that he is happy with the class sizes and the provision for children especially in Year 6 as the children are happy and looking forward to their Sats.
- Front grounds- School are looking at quotes to get the front ground tarmacked. This is to ensure that there is space for parents to wait for their children at the end of the day.
- Morning greetings – Children are happy in the mornings and look forward to school. The year 6 and reception buddy system has been appreciated by parents.
- Friday assembly – discussed that at times children are late coming out of assembly. We discussed that at times this is the case, but we will ensure that this doesn't always happen.
- Parking outside – concerns about the parking outside, parents blocking roads and parking their cars in unsuitable places. Penny explained that we have tried many things in order to this to stop.
- Male role models – parents were saying that they were happy with the male role models in school especially with the employment of Henry Carter – Assistant Head of School.
- TA Strike – discussed the ongoing dispute. Penny explained that they are in the process of balloting. The results of the ballot will be in a few days. If there are any further strikes, the school will ensure that the school is kept open.