

Minutes for parent forum meeting

29.03.19

- **Family THRIVE – Update and feedback**
Mrs Carr explained that she was now a Family Thrive course leader and that the first course for parents would be running this year. Parents asked what Thrive looked like in school at the minute and Mrs Carr explained the approach, the need for it at Hallam Fields and the way in which it is used in our daily practise. Find out more at <https://www.thriveapproach.com/>
- **Marking book examples – share new strategies for marking and how this is working in class**
Mrs Carr shared the new marking booklets and explained that children would now see positive praise in books and teachers would use a separate recording book to structure their next lessons. Parents all agreed this was a good step to reduce workload and that they were impressed with how their children's books looked at Parents' Evening.
- **Lock down policy and procedures document – review and feedback**
Mrs Carr showed parents the draft Lockdown Procedure document and asked for their opinions:
 - It should be practised termly to ensure children's safety and understanding
 - It should be treated as a 'Safety Drill' just like the 'Fire Drill'.
 - There should be guidelines in place for staff who have children on the field in the event of a Lockdown Procedure.Mrs Carr thanked parents for their valuable input into this complex policy and will feedback to them once these areas have been discussed with SLT and staff.
- **New website – any feedback**
Parents used iPads to look at the new website. They all liked the set up and in particular the photographs of the children. Parents questioned the 'contact us' tab at the bottom and this will be removed before the

site goes live. Parents also shared that they would like the staff photos on the website.

- **Summer term meeting date**
Friday 28th June 2019 at 9am
- **AOB brought to the meeting from parents**

-Parent forum email address where parents can email any ideas for future meetings

Please use enquiries@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk or mrscarr@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk

-Books out before parents' evenings worked well across school
We will continue to do this in future parent evenings

-Policy for PG films being shown in school

It has been reinforced to staff that if they wish to use clips from PG films they should text out to parents before to enable parents to contact school and discuss any issues with class teachers

-Consistency of reading tokens

Staff were reminded to follow the school token policy when checking how many times pupils had read each week

-Parent lunches – could they change day / meal

Unfortunately Wednesdays are the best day for us to host Parent Lunches due to staffing at the moment.

Thank you parents!!!!