



## Linton Primary School

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### Parents' Forum Minutes 23.7.25

Present: Claire Peplow, Frankie Spinks, Kate Lorimer, Georgina Roe, Donna Knight, Brigitte Dumann, Tracey Harford, Cath Hollis

Apologies: Janine Brown

CH opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Three parents had children leaving this time.

Minutes of the last meeting were available.

Matters arising: A parent had appreciated the text when her child's trip had arrived at the venue. Other parents agreed that they had received a number of updates and they were reassuring.

One parent said that the change to weekly homework rather than a grid of tasks for the half term had been better. Other parents agreed. CH said that for the first half term, homework would stay weekly.

Review of the year

#### Areas to develop

Although there had been 'pm' on the newsletter, the timings for Sports Day had not been shared until very close to the day.

This was the same for the Leavers' Assembly and a parent was unable to get time off work at such short notice.

CH explained that Sports Day was weather dependent and could have been moved to the morning or even cancelled due to the weather.

Parents suggested holding Sports Days in June when it was likely to be cooler and there would be more scope to rearrange if postponed. It would also spread out events for parents to remember.

Not all classes/ children had had a transition book, one parent said that her children had looked at theirs over the summer last year and they were useful. CH said she would follow that up and apologised for the lateness.

Some classes had not had the 'bring a bag' text for taking things home. One parent said it was a lot to carry at once as she has to walk and asked if children could bring home a bit at a time.



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A parent asked if there were criteria for Super Students, as she wanted to explain to her child why they had not got gold. CH said they were on the website and were based on the Linton Law.

### Positives

A parent asked whether the new times of day had been better. CH explained about being compliant in offering 32.5 hours a week and making it ten minutes earlier in the morning had helped many parents trying to get to work.

CH asked one parent, whose last child of three was leaving the year, to share what had improved at Linton during her time as a parent. She said the SEND Team was much more organised and able to offer support.

Other parents joined in saying 'We love Mrs Pett', 'She goes above and beyond' 'There are no silly questions'

Parents found the 'neurodiverse' meetings very helpful

A parent said that her child and their needs had been recognised by Mrs Pett as she had been teaching them.

Another parent said that children at Linton accept anyone with SEND, it is the norm.

One parent said that staff in class are not just developing the children academically, but were creating the whole person, making children emotionally strong and self-aware.

Another parent said their child's confidence had grown, they were now going swimming after starting at school. She also said how much her child had enjoyed the residential trip and that this was a great opportunity.

One parent said that a Linton child had spotted her child at cubs and taken them under his wing, he had also spoken to her child at school which made a huge difference.

Another parent said that communication between staff in class and parents was good.

One parent shared many positives, saying that she was so appreciative that she had brought her children to Linton. She said that Forest Schools was amazing and had really made a difference to her child. She gave examples of things her children had told her including her child 'filling everyone's bucket' by being kind to others and that 'smiling causes a ripple effect' things they had learned in class.

CH thanked everyone for their comments

### Visit to Y6 Tent Day

The group went outside to look at the two memorial benches for Mrs Marks and CH shared information about the special assembly held at school on Tuesday.

Everyone then went to visit the Y6 tent day, parents of older children explained how it worked and the group could see the children enjoying themselves.

