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Parents' Forum Minutes 11.7.24 at 9.00

Present - Caroline Byatt, Sophie Dutton, Lucy O'Brian, Claire Peplow, Kathryn Herschell, Catherine Moore, Georgina Roe, Janine Brown, Kate Lorimer, Donna Knight, Louisa Wilson, Cath Hollis

Minutes of the last meeting shared and as there were some new faces, Cath Hollis updated everyone about the new behaviour systems following the work of Paul Dix in 'When the adults change, everything changes'

Draft Behaviour Policy was shared which linked to the new systems. Parents said their children enjoyed being on the 'Recognition Board', one younger child even plays schools and puts her Mum on the board! Taking away the removal of stars/ hedgehogs etc has made things more positive for the children. One parent said it had been easier to get her child into school as a result.

Louisa Wilson gave a brief introduction to Peer Mediation, explaining to parents what it is and how it will be introduced in school

LW then shared the **RSE draft guidance** from May 24. RSE is statutory but the recent RSE conference felt that some elements are contradictory. There is some new content and certain age restrictions. Those at the meeting felt that Linton should introduce 'growing up' early as children are developing earlier.

There are some positive changes, teaching children about scams and how to check if something online is real, also how gaming can be addictive. Vaping and its harmful effect is included.

Personal safety - water, roads, railways is still in there. A new addition is 'Tombstoning' - jumping off high rocks, cliffs and the dangers associated with it.

LW said that this was only guidance, the policy at Linton stays the same, statutory items remain the same.

BERT Gold Award

LW reminded those at the meeting that Linton had recently achieved the Silver BERT award (Building Effective Relationships Together) which had a focus on pupil participation and the RSE curriculum. The school is going for Gold next and has a parent focus. LW said she will be asking for volunteers in the new term.



Derbyshire Healthy Schools
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Review of the year

CH asked parents what had gone well over the year, comments included:

Mrs Connell has been brilliant with children and parents

Mrs Pett has helped get an EHCP for an older sibling as well as supporting their younger brother in school.

Support in general, for parents and pupils is strong throughout the school. Staff listen and give their time.

Forest school is brilliant!

CH asked what could be improved, comments included:

Honey bees and Butterflies - when there are texts is it for all children, just YR, all day Nursery or morning Nursery - it is often confusing.

Race for life for morning Nursery needed to be explained earlier. CH apologised for this

Fruit for smoothies in Y5 - it was not clear what fruit or when it was needed.

Chewies in class - a younger child has been actively chewing her cardigan/ jacket in the hope that she would get a chewy. CH explained that occasionally, some children with additional needs are given a chewy. **After the meeting, CH checked with Miss Rowley and no child currently has a chewy.** A parent suggested explaining to children that just like some children need hearing aids or glasses, then some have a chewy or putty to help them.

Swimming pool issues - current Y5 have missed swimming because the pop- up pool did not come. CH said that she hoped Y5 could swim in the autumn term (as Y6) and the new Y5 would swim in the summer term, Mrs Dytham is trying to book it.

AOB

Parents checked the 1.00 finishing time on the last day

One parent said her child was anxious about the Gold Super Student Assembly, CH reassured her.