

Parent Forum
Face-to-face
6th December 22 9.00am

Chair: Head of School (HOS)

Item		Action - Cost of PE Kit - HOS has investigated FONs involvement and Kids and Co pricing streams. HOS highlighted the costing differences between three suppliers, as well as the delivery charges. Parent Forum agreed that keeping uniform with our current provider would be best by FONs had agreed to support the admin side of purchases with completing a termly order if required for a smaller postage charge. Yr2 Rep agreed to laisse with FONS to ensure community was aware of this.
1. Welcome		
2. Meeting notes	- School Finances - HOS discusses the impact of	

the increase of wages and utilities. There has been a significant increase in both this academic year without any additional funding received. A recent survey conducted by NAHT The Cliff Edge: the nation's underfunded and overstretched school budgets shared that:

- ✓ Two thirds of those who took part said they will have to make teaching assistants redundant or reduced their hours.
- ✓ More than half of schools said they will go into deficit this year unless they make further cuts.
- ✓ Just 5% of schools said they will ne able to pay costs in 2023/2024 without going into deficit.

HOS stated that every member of staff is extremely deserving of pay increase but these have not been centrally funded to support school budgets and school to not have a surplus of funding to be able to just pay these significant increases. The staffing structure of Nettlestone will probably change.

- Newsletters (Online safety) - HOS stated that she was not sure that the large majority of parents

are reading the newsletters and information that they are being sent on a weekly basis. HOS asked for ideas how this could be improved. Parent Forum felt that it was the parent's responsibility to read this information and that as school send an email with the newsletter attached and a following up text message informing them that this is in their inbox, it was felt that parents needed to take responsibility for finding information out for themselves.

- Bookings - It was highlighted that a significant number of parents are still not pre-booking Breakfast Club and Coolkidz. As a school this causes us a difficulty in that we are unaware if our staffing structure is adequate or if we simply have enough food for breakfast! This can also cause some of our children distress. If they are unaware that they are attending an after-school club and they are 'just popped into Coolkidz' this can be upsetting as they are not sure what has happened to their parent, who is picking them up, etc. Routines for us all are required. Can we please advocate that parents support school by pre-booking - we are fully ware that on the odd occasion 'thing happen' and we will always call to check that all is well and that you are on your way to reassure our children but please can we

	<p>stress that booking these clubs are a priority to support your child's mental health and wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding Audit - School was part of an audit process a few weeks ago. School was deemed to have a very strong safeguarding ethos that support all of our stakeholders. 	
3. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from Year Groups None received. 	