

PINS parent carer forum agenda 03/11/2025

1. Welcome and introductions
2. School updates
3. General discussion/questions
4. Topics for discussion: Behaviour
5. Ideas for next meeting
6. Nominations for chair
7. Set date of next meeting (TBC, term 3)

Minutes

Present: 2 parent/carers, Mr Andrews (Headteacher/Acting SENCO), Miss Wade (SENCO Assistant)

School Updates

- Mrs Baker to return on a part time basis working 3 days a week after Christmas and then returns to full time working after Easter.
- The SIP – School Improvement Partner attended school last week and was impressed with how well the school support inclusion of all children.
- New Ofsted Framework comes into action this week

General discussion

- Mr Andrews talked about how funding for schools works, the cost of implementing SEN support in schools and how we receive funding.
- SEN funding is supplied by the local authority and there are community groups made of a set number of schools who have to 'bid' for the funding from a 'pot' of money. The schools have to supply evidence of what they need and why they need it.
- Mr Andrews explained that KCC does not have endless amounts of money due to mismanagement of their own budget and how this impacted on schools.
- Schools often have to support families with social care, housing, food, childcare and other worries that their school families encounter.
- Greenfields is proposing to set up a support bank on their website offering links to useful resources for parents and carers to access as it can be difficult to navigate through all the information on the internet and some of that is not as useful as it could be for example; support links to food banks, charities, sleep and bedtime routines, and support with behaviour.
- There will be a workshop on Anxiety in the near future, this will be confirmed and a message will go out with the date and time.

- There was a general discussion about how EHCP's can be useful to support children in school and how this also supports in the choosing of a new school when it is time to move to secondary school. Watch this space as this is an area of discussion in the DfE.

Behaviour

- Questions and discussion around how children get bored quickly
- How do they learn to wait and be patient when they are given everything they want straight away
- How do you keep a level head when a child is not making the right choices
- How do we keep them safe on the internet? How do they navigate AI safely?
- We talked about how the world has changed and how we should explore those changes with them to keep them safe.

Nominations for chair

No one put themselves forward. The school will continue and this will be discussed in the next meeting.

Ideas for next meeting

- Food and eating issues
- Attitudes/swearing

Date of next meeting

- TBC (Term 3)