

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Parent forum questions and responses Term 2

<u>You said/asked</u>	<u>We Answered</u>
When will the library be completed?	Unfortunately there has been a hold up while we negotiate with decorators etc. New books have arrived and are being used in classrooms and prepared for use with the Accelerated Reader programme. The library will have a grand re-opening on 7 <sup>th</sup> January.
What is the school mobile phone policy?	Currently there is no formal, written policy however children are told that mobile phones are not allowed in school and those children who do bring phones to school (typically Year 6 pupils who walk to and from school) must hand them in at the school office on arrival. The Federation Leadership Team will ensure that something is added to existing policies.
Can morning Yoga/Mindfulness sessions be organised for parents and pupils?	We are currently working on arranging this. We hope to have news of a morning yoga sessions (initially for children only) once we have settled on a suitable time slot and venue.
Following on from the anxiety workshop, could a follow up session be organised to look at the causes of anxiety?	Mr Norcott will pass this feedback on to Mrs Lees (who organised the original session). We will also consider CPD for teachers around anxiety.
The parent forum reported that parent response to the steps taken to address recent bullying incidents in Year 5 had been positive.	The school has engaged the charity 52 Lives to deliver some kindness workshops to the pupils in year 5. There will be some bespoke work done with individual children as well as additional input from class teachers on bullying, especially online bullying.
There is a lack of girls' participation in tag rugby, why is this?	The recent mixed tag rugby tournament was unfortunately scheduled in the same week as the Year 6 Kilve trip meaning that several girls who would have normally played could not. Historically, we have an issue attracting girls to sports clubs that are not football focused – we will be continuing to target girls' participation in sports, specifically using the #ThisGirlCan materials.
The Year 5/6 football club is frequently cancelled due to clashes with fixtures, what can be done?	We will look into securing additional adults to run the club so that, when Mr Wake takes the team to matches, the rest of the club is unaffected.

<p>Please can you clarify times for class assemblies?</p>	<p>All Friday class assemblies begin at 2:30pm. This only changed during the summer term due to clashes with Masterclass.</p>
<p>What are the procedures for obtaining a pen licence?</p>	<p>To raise the profile of the pen licence, we decided that – to begin 2019/2020 – all children would revert to writing in pencil. Those who'd previously received a pen licence could quickly earn theirs back but demonstrating consistently neat handwriting during the first fortnight of term. For those who hadn't held a licence before, teachers look out for neatness, joined writing and consistency and may decide to award a pen licence if these are of a high quality. These are given out in Friday assemblies. Consideration is made for pupils who have additional needs.</p>
<p>Can children have a folder for storing homework as it is given out?</p>	<p>We will look into providing a homework folder.</p>
<p>Can PE kits be sent home more often, especially in Winter when they are often very muddy?</p>	<p>We will advise the Progressive Sports staff to send muddy kits home. However, parents are welcome to take home kits whenever they like – there is no need to wait until a particular day.</p>
<p>What is the Early Bird Club behaviour policy?</p>	<p>The HPF behaviour policy applies to Early Bird Club. EBC staff will be attending training on recent changes to the Federation policy and the FLT will be monitoring the EBC provision.</p>