

Parent Voice Conference

Minutes



Agenda for 4th October 2017

This was an initial meeting to establish what parents wanted from the Academy.

1. ATPL
2. Homework
3. Communication between school and parents
4. School to communicate changes that are being made since the OFSTED inspection
5. Lunch arrangements
6. Vocational days
7. Raising aspirations
8. Connect
9. Events
10. Evenings in regards to progress reviews

Present;

Lee Parfitt; Assistant vice principal

Sinead Taker; Family Support Worker

Rochelle Walker; Year 11 co-ordinator

Rachel Britt

Anthony Fray

Antonia Fray

Maria Harrison

Rachel Smith; Parent Governor

Andrew Syska; Parent Governor

Louise Quinton

Arthur Terry Learning Partnership

LPA liaised with parents about the ATLP plan.

Homework

School are developing student's independence, allowing students to organise their homework

Discussed Parent's views about the homework booklets; felt they are not easy for students to follow, needs improving.

Felt the school needs to set up a homework club for students.

Parent's want to see punishment/interventions for students who are not completing homework

Homework checking to be more consistent.

Development of communication

Discussed a parent/school communication app.

- Allows parents to communicate their concerns to relevant staff.
- Allows parents to keep on top of their child's progression

Go4Schools allows parents to see their child's report throughout the year;

- Academic progression
- Behaviour report
- Attendance

Connect allows parents to access contact details for relevant staff, homework booklets, events in regards to their child's year group.

Lunch arrangements

- Parents have expressed concerns about brunch and lunch times not being long enough for their children to get food.
- Amendments have been made October half term – brunch 25 minutes, lunch 45 minutes.

Vocational days

Parents would like more vocational days to ensure students' are more self-aware about the career they would like to do.

Outdoor learning centre to be used more in lessons

Raising aspirations

Parents have requested that lessons are related to job opportunities.

Parents have requested more positives for 'middle of the road' students

Focus groups have been set up on Go4Schools

Ensure staff are consistent with consequences.

Assemblies have been conducted for students – different professionals from different roles have visited the school

Events

Parents would like to have more events and to be able to attend more events for their child; such as sports day.

PTA's – in the process of setting up a PTA

Parent's from the Parent voice committee conference to hold events for other parents – this will allow the school to find out what more parents want and will also give school an opportunity to inform parents of any news.

Evenings in regards to progress reviews

Parents would like more evenings in which they can obtain information about their child's progress, behaviour and attendance.

More information evenings – in the process of looking at year specific information evenings.

What parents want?

Parents have requested ½ termly meetings.

Parents want to know what changes are being made in response to OFSTED's report.

Parents would like to meet a member of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership

To ensure staff are consistent in setting rules

For more SLT to be present during brunch, lunch and movement breaks

Less cover for lessons, parents want reassurance about how much cover there is being supplied.

Parents have requested a different method of receiving information due to cover often not providing students with this information.

An app that parents can use to communicate effectively with the school

The opportunity to have 1:1 meetings with the principle

Ensure students that are being good are being motivated with rewards -

More opportunities for parents in school to meet up

More opportunities for parents to learn about the parent portal

More personal touch in school – allocated member of staff for most students.