

Family Friendly Minutes

14.05.19

To begin the meeting Mr Reilly introduced Mrs Brown, our Key Stage 2 Pupil Contribution and Conduct leader to discuss behaviour at Berrywood. Mrs Brown explained how she is passionate about high expectations for behaviour so that quality learning experiences can take place for all children. Mrs Brown shared a presentation with governors which explained her role, the behaviour policy and ways in which staff are being both supported and empowered. Mrs Brown has also delivered a staff INSET, attended year team meetings and implemented report cards, when needed. Mrs Brown then answered questions in relation to variations in tolerance, parental support and the Behaviour Policy (available for all parents to access on the website). She also explained that her role is Key Stage 2 only. Behaviour in Key Stage 1 is managed using a different approach and not using report cards. Individual support packages are put in place around children and options such as 'Nurture' are used. Mrs Brown was thanked for her presentation and she left the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and signed as a true and accurate record as were the family friendly minutes.

Lunchtime arrangements were the next item on the agenda. Mr Reilly distributed a document which detailed the rationale behind the changes (previously sent out to parents). Governors discussed the differing times for eating, organisation of year groups, parental feedback and the need for additional staff. Mr Reilly said that the majority of the children were comfortable with the changes. Year group assemblies had taken place to explain the 'why' to the children, the school council had been involved in discussions and rehearsals had taken place.

The results of a staff wellbeing survey were then discussed. Work load, the pressures of working in the public sector and effective time management were discussed as well as the positive comments regarding staff training, the team ethos at Berrywood and how all staff feel supported.

The three year budget plan was then shared with the governors. Matt Lamey and Mrs Woolley explained the proposed budget which included additional expenditure for essential items as well as areas in our outdoor environment which are due to be developed.

The whole governing body training was discussed. Those who attended the session, on the subject of school finance, agreed it was a really useful and interactive session. Governors were then invited to attend the next staff INSET taking place on the subject of inclusion as well as the introduction of Mrs Rodbourne's new role. All governors then agreed a provisional date for their next school visit which would focus on inclusion and vulnerable groups. All governors were invited to attend the visit and stay for lunch in order to see the new lunchtime arrangements in action.