

South Camberley School

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MINUTES FROM THE PARENT FORUM HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE JUNIOR CAMPUS FOCUSING ON THE VISION AND VALUES OF THE SCHOOL

Although we are on three campuses, we are one school; to try and bring the school community together we have decided to host only one parent forum each time but we will rotate the venue.

The Executive Head Teacher has met with staff and children recently and got their views on the school's vision, values and mission statement and the purpose of this meeting is to get parent views on what kind of learners we want our children to be/what characteristics we'd like them to have etc.

- What kind of learners/what characteristics do we want our children to have?

Words the children used:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace• Resilient• Energy• Smart• Intelligent | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inquisitive• Responsible• Respectful• Imaginative |
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Parents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creativity• Curiosity• Resilience• Respect• Humility• Questioning themselves | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popularity• Understanding• Calm• Confidence• Good self esteem |
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- What makes the children want to come to school?

Some replies from the children include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More school trips• More science experiments• More residential trips starting in Year 5• More science days | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths games• More computing• More art/DT |
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Parent comments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More PE and exercise• Playtimes important – more freedom/choice• Less pressure – more enjoyment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More building, using hands• Music in the playground• Feeling included |
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- What could we do better in school?

Children would like:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More equipment outside | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funky Friday – music & pompoms outside |
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Parents suggested:

- Recognising everyone's opinion/not belittling them
- Focus more on individual characters/personalities, building confidence, working in teams
- Recognise the difference between how boys and girls let off steam/play
- More parent forum sessions/working as a team with families
- Teach debating skills
- Motivate pupils to be at school

Mrs Wright agreed to review what is happening during playtime / lunch breaks.

As part of making the school one, we are looking for opportunities to bring the children together more and are considering getting the older children to read with the younger ones on World Book Day.

The children want 'South Camberley's Got Talent' so watch this space!

Attendance at South Camberley is low; hence we are looking at more rewards – termly 100% attendance and punctuality will earn a raffle ticket, 3 raffle tickets could be earned in a year and there will be a grand prize draw. We have employed an Education Welfare Officer to advise and help improve attendance.

We are looking at our inclusion strategy and are advertising for an Assistant Head with responsibility for inclusion. We are also reviewing our specialist teacher provision.

Recommended reading – 'When Adults Change Everything Changes' by Paul Dix which talks about motivating children to make the right choices. The group reviewing our behaviour policy have all read this book; policy is now in draft form and will be made available to parents in due course.