

Parent Forum Agenda
Chilmington Green Primary School



09:00 16th May 2022

Item No.	Item	Minutes	Action Points	Action by who
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Meeting Opened at:</p> <p>Present:</p>	<p>09.10</p> <p>Mrs C Foreman, Mrs C Day and Ms H Pound</p> <p>Representation from the wider school community via the Parent Forum questionnaire responses.</p>		
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Ms Schâringer</p>		
3	<p>Meeting Focus: Attendance</p>	<p>Mrs Foreman stated that Chilmington Green school is having a big drive at improving attendance for all pupils. Covid has had a big impact and it is recognised that there are challenges for some families surrounding their mental health and anxiety but it is now time to encourage pupils to attend school consistently.</p> <p>Question raised - how do all staff know about the drive at improving attendance?</p> <p>Mrs Day explained that an attendance strategy has been developed across the Ashford Hub and includes things like producing termly attendance newsletters, posters highlighting different areas such as</p>		

		<p>holidays and sharing these and other information with parents via Weduc, strategies in school such as celebrating attendance for classes and individuals with attendance Ted and certificates. This has been shared and discussed with all staff at staff briefings.</p> <p>Question raised – why is taking term time holidays bad?</p> <p>Mrs Foreman explained that there had been several requests for holiday in term time and that losing time in school can be unsettling and disruptive to routine and learning. It is also a Statutory duty for children to be in school.</p> <p>Mrs Foreman explained that every class has a weekly tracker chart for their attendance percentage so that the children can feel involved in the attendance target as a class team. The office completes first day calling as part of our statutory duty for safeguarding children in Education.</p>		
4.	<p>Board of Directors -</p> <p>What can we do further to support children's attendance at our school?</p>	<p>Mrs Foreman asked Ms Pound if she had any suggestions for anything else that could be done to support children/parents.</p> <p>Ms Pound suggested that the School Council could make a video about attendance, explaining why they think it's important and it could be shared on Weduc.</p> <p>A discussion was also had about increasing the interest of the children with attendance Ted by having clothes and making films in the green screen room or using chatter pix.</p> <p>Parent Questionnaire responses:-</p> <p>Buddy stop has been suggested. (a buddy stop is already in place)</p> <p>Parents are legally obliged to have their children attend school.</p> <p>Fines, parenting classes, mental health support (for parent and child) to help deal with getting their kids into school. Some parents struggle to get their kids in but giving the parents brochures,</p>	<p>School council to be asked to prepare a video on attendance.</p> <p>Supplies for attendance Ted to be purchased and CT to enable pupils to access the green screen room</p> <p>PSA to look into further support for parents re: attendance.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>CD and Class teachers</p>

		<p>classes, MH support may help give the parents the boost they need when they either don't want to ask/ or don't know how to ask for help.</p> <p>The school has a really good approach. I like the not allowing term time holidays as this also disturbs the learning for the other children in the class, when the child comes back and has to catch up.</p>		
6	AOB -	<p>Ms Pound asked when the next coffee morning was and if the uniform swap shop would be available.</p> <p>Mrs Day state that the next coffee morning would be on Monday 23rd May at 9am and that the uniform swap shop would be available at every coffee morning from now on.</p>	Date reminder to be sent on Weduc	CD