Parent Forum Minutes

Date: 12 October 2026

Purpose of the Forum

TS outlined the objectives of the HP Parent Forum and invited discussion on ways to strengthen partnership working between home and school.

Discussion Points

Homework

- Parents discussed homework expectations and the balance between formal homework and other learning opportunities at home.
- The importance of building a strong bridge between home and school was highlighted.

Supporting Learning at Home

- Parents suggested providing a list of "20 Things You Can Do During Half Term" to support children's learning and development.
- Questions were raised about how parents can find out what their child is learning, how they are learning, and the expected standards for each year group.
- It was noted that curriculum overviews are available on the school website and that newsletters can also provide useful information.

Information on the School Website

Parents suggested adding the following resources to the school website:

- Previous Mathematics Workshop presentations and slides.
- The school's Calculation Policy.
- Guidance on handwriting expectations and progression across year groups.
- Clear information outlining expectations for each year group.

Developing Independence and Resilience

- Parents welcomed opportunities to discuss independence and the thought around the email sent by TS.
- The school remains committed to being a nurturing environment while supporting children to work hard on the things they find difficult.
- It was discussed that parents, children and staff all work together to overcome difficulties and develop resilience.

- The concept of "embracing challenge" was strongly supported.

Transition and Preparation for the Next Year Group

- Parents suggested creating a document at the end of each academic year outlining:
    - Key milestones children should achieve.
    - Skills and knowledge children should be developing before moving into the next year group.
    - Ways families can encourage greater independence at home.
- Discussion focused on empowering children to complete tasks for themselves and take increasing responsibility for their learning.

Challenge Ideas

- Parents suggested encouraging children to attempt activities they find difficult as a way of building confidence, resilience and a positive attitude towards challenge.

Key Themes Identified

- Building strong home-school partnerships.
- Supporting independence and resilience.
- Providing clearer information about curriculum expectations.
- Improving access to key guidance and resources through the school website.
- Maintaining clear and effective communication with families.

Next Steps for Consideration

- Review website content and consider adding requested guidance documents and workshop materials.
- Explore ways to provide year-group expectation guides and transition information.
- Continue promoting opportunities for home-school communication and parental engagement.
- Consider developing resources to support independence and challenge at home.