

**Notes of:**

Parents' Consultation Forum

**Location/Date/Start Time:**

Manor Croft Academy, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 9.00 a.m.

**Attendees:**

Andy Barnett (Principal)

Dave Hewitt (Vice Principal)

Parent/Carers representing 28 families

**1. Welcome, Introductions and outline the parental engagement plan for the year:**

Following welcomes and introductions AB explained how valued the support and feedback from parents is and how very much it is appreciated. The Parental engagement process this year is being held during the school day to enable parents to have the opportunity to tour the school and see lessons in progress. Another consultation forum is planned before Christmas to include feedback on actions from this meeting as well as updates on other academy news and developments.

Parents were shown around the academy and visited various lessons in progress.

**2. Discussion Points:**New Assessment format

A hand-out showing the new layout of end of term reports for students was distributed and explained. Comments and feedback were very positive. Questions were taken and there was discussion on the 'RAG' ranking (Red, Amber and Green).

New Behaviour policy

Parents were pleased with the feedback from their children regarding behaviour in lessons. They were complimentary about the lessons they had observed today and the behaviour around the school generally. A couple of concerns were raised, these will be looked into and the appropriate action taken.

New Literacy drive (all students to bring reading books)

Starting after October half-term all students will need to bring a reading book to school; parents thought this was a very good initiative. Question on what the 'QA' would be on students *actually* reading. Assurances given that strategies are in place to check on reading.

**3. Any other business:**Homework

Questions raised regarding the consistency of homework but once this is sorted out the general consensus was this is a very good structure for homework. As this is a new system feedback is particularly valued. The system is designed to let students take ownership and plan their homework. Individual problems to be referred to the class teacher concerned. An audit will be undertaken of different year groups regarding consistency, also the use of student planners to communicate homework to parents will be looked at.

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.