Parent Forum
Terms of Reference

What is Parent Forum?

The Parent Forum aims to discuss a range of issues and offer opinion on a variety of subjects relating to school life. Although it is not a decision making body, the Forum has the opportunity to influence decisions through an open dialogue with the Headteacher. The Forum meets two to three times a year. The general areas for discussion are set at the initial meeting with specific items raised in preparation for later meetings. The Parent Forum is a genuine attempt to seek the views of parents and develop a stronger partnership by improving understanding through communication.

The aim of the Parent Forum is to:

- To work together to improve the education of our students.
- To meet in a mutually supportive environment.
- To develop further and improve dialogue between parents and school.
- To discuss the whole school improvements which benefit students.
- For parents' views to impact on school life and decisions made about our school.
- To identify issues parents want the Parent Forum to work on in school.
- To work in partnership with staff.

It is important to note that the group will not have any statutory responsibilities, duties or powers in the school, but it will help us to communicate more effectively with our parent community and through the meetings, parent views can feed into school decision making.

Membership and Communication

The Parent Forum is open to all parents, care will be taken to ensure that all year groups are represented and that no year groups are over represented.
Communication of the meetings, agendas and recommendations will be placed on the school website for all parents. The terms of reference will be viewed annually.

The agenda is set in partnership with parents and it will address themes across the year and include operational and strategic issues that affect all students.

Communication to the governing body of the issues raised at Parent Forum will feedback either through the Headteacher's Report or through the Parent Governors should they be in attendance.

Parent Forum is not a forum for the discussion of individual student or parent issues.

The Parent Forum meeting for summer term 2017 will discuss Attendance issues.

Themes for future meetings in 2017-18 will include

- school uniform,
- safe use of the internet
- bullying