



Foreland Fields Family Forum (FFFF)

Date of 1st FFFF Meeting 12.10.21

Present:

Jan Jones – Grandparent (Junior)

Kerry Smith – Parent (Secondary)

Claire Twynam – Parent (Secondary)

Bernadette Hannon – Parent (6th Form)

Lisa Green – Parent - (Secondary)

Travis O'Connor - Parent (Junior)

Sanita Venediktova – Parent (Junior)

Hollie Petti – Parent (junior)

Sharon Bremner Family Liaison Officer (FLO) at FFS

Apologies:

Jacqui Foulds – Foster parent (secondary)

Leah Hillman -Parent (Infant)

Lucy Daines - parent (Infant)

Guest:

Marie Regan Family Liaison Officer Stone Bay school

FLO comments	How lovely to have representatives who have signed up to the FFFF from different departments in the school.
SB	As this is a Family and Friends group it was lovely to welcome Jan Jones who is a Grandparent of a student in the infant department.

	<p>Friends and family are welcome, maybe you would like to join us at the next one? 7th December 2021 9am-11am</p>
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<p>SB</p>	<p>Welcome: This is the first meeting of the new FFFF. Attendees introduced themselves. Marie Regan is the Family Liaison Officer from Stone Bay school. She is looking to set up a similar group and wanted to get some ideas about the structure of this forum. Sharon shared the ‘Golden Rules’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everybody has a voice and should be allowed to be heard and make comments in an environment that is comfortable and welcoming. • Please do not hold a conversation when others are talking. • Mobile phones are not to be used/answered, when people are talking, please politely take the call elsewhere, but be mindful of the school’s policy, no mobile phones to be around the school building or playground. (This is to protect you and the students) • The Forum is to discuss/share ideas/and look at ways to support the school community. If you have a complaint or are unhappy about something, this is not the forum to discuss this. The schools website has guidance and information how to make a complaint or discuss a grievance.
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<p>SB</p>	<p>Background ‘Parent/Carer Forum’ Sharon shared some amazing changes that have happened around the school as a result of the Parent Carer Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bollards by the disabled bays were removed to make access safer and more accessible for students in wheel chairs. • A wheelchair friendly roundabout was put forward to be considered on the junior playground plans. This was done and the school now has a lovely roundabout for all students to use. • A parent asked in a meeting June 2017 if we could have cycling Proficiency training for our students. At the time we did not have the uptake or need. But more recently it has been recognised that students are wanting to cycle to school or ride two wheeler bikes. We now have staff members in the upper school department who are trained and can lead Bikeability sessions. We also have a selection of two wheeled bikes for students to borrow during these sessions. • Parents were requesting some After School Clubs. After a questionnaire was sent out for parents / careers to complete it was agreed to run clubs.
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	<p>Questions that came from above topic:</p> <p><u>No clubs for lower school.</u></p> <p>Why do lower school not have clubs? Sharon explained that this was for all students, but this soon became apparent that it was not manageable mixing the age groups and abilities of the students was challenging especially for the students who wanted to engage in the clubs on offer. This was changed for Upper school and lower school to have separate clubs. But again this was not manageable for the younger students, they did not want to engage in the clubs, they were looking for more ‘free play.’</p> <p>SB informed the forum about a booking letter for Play and Stay that was sent out in May 2021. She was looking at running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays After School Stay and Play sessions. This was very well received by the parents/ carers with a very good response. Unfortunately, it was not possible for Sharon to get the staff who wanted to stay behind after work to help run the clubs, as this was free play, using the playgrounds, it would need a higher ratio of staff and was dependent on the weather.</p> <p>BH & CT SB Bernadette suggested parents may be willing to help with the clubs. Claire said she would be willing to support. SB said this would be a good idea, but it will still need managing, examples given: what happens if the weather is bad, and students have not gone home on transport? Poor weather conditions, only a small group of students can use the soft play room, at a time, but this is used by First Leap Nursery at this time. Parents/Carers may not be able to help one time, leaving us short on staff. Some Parents/Carers want the child care aspect and not want to get involved. Also an issue of DBS clearance as anyone working with our pupils/students would need to be cleared to work with children.</p> <p>Action SB This suggestion will be taken to SLT for comment:</p> <p>KS Kerry asked about the use of the disabled swing and roundabout and asked whether all students get to use these facilities? And what provision do the older students have in the play area. Kerry asked about the outdoor Gym that was suggested a few years ago but feels all the energy for fund raising is going into the Back field ‘Field of Dreams’ project. SB spoke about the use of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) The lunch time clubs are now up and running after the Covid restrictions. Students have the choice if they want to attend clubs. The following clubs run:</p>
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Update.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Football on the MUGA	Rounder's on the MUGA	Football on the MUGA	Football on the MUGA	Football on the MUGA
		Lego club Art Room	Singing Choir	Art Club	Disco Hall

BH	<p>Family programme: Bernadette commented that it would be nice for parents to have an opportunity to talk freely about their child or what's going on in the community. Sharon explained that there are coffee mornings on the Family programme that alternate between Stone Bay school and FFS. This is where parents can meet other families in a relaxed environment and have a chat. Dates for Coffee morning. 18th Nov 9.00am – 11.15am FFS 20th Jan 9.00am – 11.15m Stone Bay School. 10th March 9.00 am – 11.15am Stone Bay school Wendy from Kent Autistic Trust will be joining us. 12th May 9.00am – 11.15am FFs 7th July 9.00am – 1.15am Stone Bay school.</p>
SB	Sharon explained that the Family timetable has been sent out twice and put on to DOJO. It was suggested that it be put on to the website.
CT	Claire suggested a FFFF DOJO page.
Action SB	Put Family timetable onto the Foreland Fields website. FLO to ask ICT if possible for a FFF DOJO page
LG	The forum discussed the structure of the group. Lisa stated that she enjoyed the Parent Forum Meetings when a member from the senior leadership team attended. Travis suggested to invite a member from the SLT to attend the end of each meeting.
T O'C	
Action SB	SB invite a member from the SLT to attend the forums. Adrian agreed that a member of the leadership team will open the meeting. As well as providing an update, there will be an opportunity for all attendees to ask questions.
HP	COVID and new car park system:

<p>Action SB</p> <p>LG</p> <p>KS HP</p> <p>Action SB</p>	<p>Hollie commented that the new system that was put in place because of the pandemic, has improved the smooth running of the car park. The new one-way system is much better. However, there are still some cars entering from the old way entrance. SB explained that this may be some of the nursery parents who come in a little later in the morning. They may not be aware of the new system.</p> <p>Sharon also informed that new signage to direct the traffic through the one-way system has been ordered.</p> <p>Ask First Leap Nursery to inform families of the one-way system to be used.</p> <p>There is one area that is causing congestion, this is along the path in front of the school, where pedestrians are waiting for junior students to come out of the Reception area. There is nowhere appropriate to talk to staff members because of other people collecting children.</p> <p>Lisa agreed and commented that people lining up along the pavement by the wheel chair bays causes her difficulty when loading her son onto his ramp. There is also people walking past to get to the Secondary entrance.</p> <p>Kerry said it would be nice for other junior parents to be able to have somewhere to stand so they can talk to each other.</p> <p>Holly commented that parents have been asked not to sit on the benches outside Reception, because staff are dropping off students and it gets very congested in this area.</p> <p>This suggestion will be taken to SLT for comment:</p>
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<p>KS</p> <p>Action SB</p>	<p>Home learning:</p> <p>During the pandemic some students were accessing their education at home doing remote learning. Kerry said she really enjoyed watching her daughter interact with her class mates on the screen. She wondered if once a term, classes could invite Parents/Carers to 'be a fly on the wall' and watch a lesson taking place.</p> <p>This suggestion will be taken to SLT for comment:</p>
<p>T O'C</p> <p>Update SB</p>	<p>Parent Support:</p> <p>T O'C shared the difficulty he has getting his sons nails cut. I suggested that the class team may be able to support with this.</p> <p>BH suggested a podiatrist to come into the school.</p> <p>SB has spoken senior management about this. They replied that as this is an educational establishment and not a clinic we would not be able to offer this</p>

	facility. However, our staff understand the pressures parents/careers have at home, so they will help out where they can.
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