

ROCKMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE PARENT/CARER FORUM MEETING 26th April 2024 at 9am

Attendees:

Parent/Carers: Karen (Co-Chair / Turquoise)), David (Co-Chair / Ruby & Crystal), Corinne (Pearl), Carolina (Silver), Helen (Coral), Rachele (Onyx), Sally (Sapphire), Hattie (Coral), Lesley Baer Took (Quartz)

Absent Parent/Carers: Eloise (Moonstone), Sonia Faleiro – Quartz

School: Helen (Headteacher), Ms Waller (as RE Lead), Ms Bull (as SMSC lead) Jennie Gilbertson (Business Manager)

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1.	<p><u>Introduction</u> Welcome to all, unfortunately there are no school sports leaders on hand today – they are attending a sporting function. India is introduced to begin the presentation to reps regarding ‘smartphone free childhood’ initiative.</p>
2.	<p><u>Presentation by India on Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative</u> Discussion on the negative evidence on smartphones and growing movement to delay giving smartphones to children.</p> <p>Where does this overlap with school and is there a way awareness can be raised through the parent/carer forum? There is a group already set up, there were 5 people in a Rockmount Group which has now increased to 20 at the moment.</p> <p>Content on the initiative to be disseminated to wider parent base with these minutes for thoughts and interest with a date for a parent group for those who are interested taking this forward to meet in person to discuss. India to send more details.</p> <p>School’s policy covers any mobile on site – personal phones are allowed with Parental approval for year 5 and 6 pupils going to and from school by themselves. They are handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day and returned at the end. No personal phone is allowed to contact carers during the day and school phones would be used in this instance if needed.</p> <p>The school actively addresses areas of concern with children including, but not exclusive to safeguarding online and appropriate internet use at the start of every computing lesson, safeguarding assemblies, parent workshops and active school ‘digital leaders’.</p>
3.	<p><u>Liz Waller presents on new RE provision</u> Rockmount has been taking their new RE curriculum forward since its launch in December 2023 – this is based on the new Croydon agreed syllabus which all Croydon schools will have to follow. Each year group has a key set of questions (see curriculum map on the web subject-curriculum-map-re-update-2024.pdf (primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com))</p>

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	<p>These questions that allow a more inclusive view on many religions, including humanist views. There is also tie-ins with assemblies, circle times and guest speakers which can reflect important times of year. Rockmount will continue to offer trips and visits to tie in with RE learning as it is felt that this is an important learning opportunity they can provide for all students. The new curriculum is supported by teaching resource portal 'Kapow' which has received a lot of positive teacher feedback for breadth and quality of resources.</p>
4.	<p><u>Presentation from Viv Bull on SMSC programme (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural)</u></p> <p>Spiritual part of the programme looks at RE, values, diversity, tolerance, learning and understanding. There is reflection on 'self' and belief.</p> <p>Moral part of the programme looks at right and wrong, law (compares UK to other countries), civil and criminal law related to school and society. Class charter drawn up with each class, Rockmount rules, looking at ethical issues and understanding each others views.</p> <p>Social part of the programme looks at social skills, social settings, good citizens, bullying, listening to others, democracy in school (school councils) voting and a sense of self.</p> <p>Cultural part of the programme looks at the wide range of influences, cultural (school, city, country), respect and understanding with artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities.</p> <p>As an 'umbrella' subject it touches on a lot of the provision including specialist weeks, leadership councils, assemblies, enterprise initiatives, break times (social and turn taking etc)</p> <p>The school development plan prioritises the focus on SMSC – these can also be seen in the school values whose pillars are – respect, kindness, resilience, integrity and responsibility.</p>
6.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overwhelming positive feedback from parents evening. 99% positive comments but a few wanting improvements in communication. We will look at questioning parents and classes about the communication provision and specific improvements that could be made, what works and what doesn't. Questionnaire or similar to be created. Next meeting to focus on improving the diversity of the parent rep group to have a more inclusive and diverse group for the start of the academic year 2024..
	<p>NEXT MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st June 9am in Breakfast Club