



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

Parent Forum Minutes

21st October, 2013

Present: Scott Hudson (Principal)
Jon Lawson (Assistant Principal)

	Child In Year
Stacey Hill	7
Maria Burlow	7
Liz Donlan	n/a
Beata Serbin	10
Keneth Wyburn	11
Nicola Farley	7 & 11
Rosetta Tickner	11

Terms of reference of this Parent Forum

Terms of reference document discussed and this will be put on the website accordingly (JL).

Mrs Tickner also provided details of past successes of our Parent Forum, for example the installation of a footpath on the Danesholme Road and the provision of the lights and crossing points on Gainsborough Road outside the school.

Academy Conversion

Scott Hudson (Principal) provided the background information regarding academy conversion. Mr Hudson reinforced that other than uniform changes, Kingswood's values, ethos and core purpose have not changed. We are looking forward to working with Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust and in particular to draw on their expertise and central resource.

Discussions and clarification took place around the following topics:

- In response to feedback the next meeting was agreed to be held on Tuesday 10th December starting at 6pm. Those present were asked to encourage other parents to attend.
- Use of mobile technology – JL/SH to clarify with students
- Students are allowed to carry coats between lessons
- More lockers have been provided for students and there are currently lockers spare for students to use. If required we are quite happy to purchase further lockers.
- Traffic challenges - Parents are welcome to drop children off in the morning by driving through the school gates and dropping children off in the lay-by.
- Communication - Immediate action is being taken by the Academy to ensure copies of letters sent to parents are put on the website.

Jon Lawson offered to take the Parent Forum on a day time tour of the school so that parents have the opportunity to see the school in action – tours recently took place for Yr 6 children and their parents.

Items for future agendas

- Academy development plan
- Communication – school home communication – particularly important. (FYI: We will also investigate Parent Pay and report back on this at our next meeting).
- Website accessibility
- Dining facilities & biometric
- Road safety
- After school clubs
- Prom

Jon Lawson thanked all the parents for attending and generously giving up their time.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 10th December - 6pm