

Woodfield Primary School

Parent's Forum Minutes

8.11.17 at 2pm

- **Introductions** Sarah introduced Lawrence Jones from the DfE who was observing the meeting as part of a visit to school.
- **Outline of role of Parent's Forum** The parents forum is a way to involve parents in school improvement. It is solution focused so we aim to remain positive and make suggestions for how to move forward.
- **Topic 1- School dinners: new menu, ways to encourage take up, healthy packed lunches** Parents liked the look of the new menu for the winter. All had experienced the parent's lunches and were very positive. They felt that it would be good to have another opportunity but with more notice to allow working parents to attend. CW said that her girls had moved from packed lunches to dinners as a result and that this would be a good way to encourage more parents to move children on to dinners. It was felt that reasons for having packed lunches often focused on children being picky and that it was a lot of money to pay if children were then not eating. Parents asked whether it would be possible to have access to menus by displaying them in cloakrooms/office. SW to follow up:
 1. Further parent lunch sessions
 2. Displaying of the menu
- **Topic 2- After school clubs: parent voice tubes, what are people thoughts on the selection of clubs?** SW explained

the voting tubes to parents and that we had been focusing on after school club provision. Whilst parents and children are generally happy it may be appropriate to have some more clubs. SP said that she had not received a letter about clubs and only knew as her friends had told her. Parents suggested a range of clubs their children might like which SW will pass on. SW to follow up:

1. Ensure parents receive letters re clubs in time
2. Possible clubs of interest- gymnastics, board games club, football, physical, Christmas crafts, family cooking with parents, family learning ops
3. Parents like the idea of Mrs Hufton's general club/stay and play

- **Topics for discussion in next meeting**

1. Feedback to parents about how children are doing on a day to day basis