



Minutes of Parents' Forum 17.1.19

Present: Mrs Seymour (Headteacher), Mrs Fryer-Kelsey (Governor), no parents attended

Agenda item: Disability Equality

Each Autumn we survey the parents to establish the needs of parents and children. It is designed to capture information from all parents including those new to the school.

We have found that we receive a better rate of responses when this takes place at the same time as parents' evenings.

The questionnaire comprises of 8 questions:

Q: Do you or your child have a disability?

Q: Does your child suffer from mobility difficulties?

Q: Do you have a child that has a disability and does not attend Commonswood?

Q: Do you or any adult in your household have a disability or mobility difficulty?

Q: Does your child have a learning difficulty e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia?

Q: Does your child have a long-term medical condition?

Q: Does the school meet the needs of your child?

Q: Are you satisfied with the access to the school?

Parents are invited to make comments at the end of the questionnaire.

- October 2018 Annual Disability Questionnaire issued to parents
88 responses received
Total number of questionnaires returned stating 'Yes' either the parent or child have a disability was 16.
None of the questionnaires returned required individual feedback concerning a parent of a child's specific needs.
Parent voice:
'My son has autism and he is always very well cared for and I am always updated with the ways in which the school are helping him and the new methods they are trying'.
18% said they or their child had a disability.
2% said their child had mobility difficulties
7% said their child had learning difficulties
14% said their child had long term medical conditions
96% of parents of children with disabilities said that the school met their needs (4% made no comment) 10% said they had an adult with disabilities in the household
3 parents commented on widening the pathway outside Reception classroom – this is currently not feasible due to budget constraints.

Responses are published to parents on the newsletter and website and reported annually to the Governing Body.

Question: Do parents prefer this to be online e.g. Survey monkey? No parents attended.

We publish outcomes to parents via the newsletter. As a result of last year's survey we had an additional gate installed at the junior end of the school. Unfortunately, budget constraints and planning permission meant that this did not happen until August 18. Parent voice since has been very positive.

Question: are questions sufficient? Are some questions superfluous to need? No parents attended.

If you would like to provide feedback on this topic, please email the admin team on admin@commonswood.sch.uk as we will be happy to pass on your comments.