



WVA Parent Forum Minutes

Forum 2 – Thursday 12th March 2026

Venue: Weldon Village Academy – Sixth Form Study Space

Time: 6 – 7pm.

<p>Welcome/ Updates from the November Parent Forum (MNO/EGR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum maps* • PE kit* • Communication * 	<p>Vice Principal, Esther Gray, (EGR) welcomed parents.</p> <p>PE kit update shared – will be sent to parents before Easter holidays (MNO)</p> <p>Curriculum maps shared and now available on the website under the ‘Learning’ tab. All parents will receive communication about this next week. (EGR)</p> <p>Communication update discussed – are automated emails going to parents or not? What level of automation is appropriate and required? Can the app provide the answer in terms of uploading evidence and acknowledging receipt?</p> <p>It was noted that communication has improved.</p> <p>Action: MNO to contact Bromcom to clarify what MCAS can do to automate some of the communication between parents and school. Parents still need to feel secure that the school has noted information even if services are automated.</p>
<p>1. Home learning presentation (EGR)</p>	<p>EGR delivered a presentation on home learning which led into a discussion.</p> <p>Home learning apps were shared and info about reading and our approaches to reading in Meridian Trust. Links between PLEDGES and homework were made.</p> <p>Is homework a helpful thing for young people? What do families actually want home learning to look like? Is it a positive thing in students’ or families’ lives?</p> <p>Parents were asked what they think about homework and our current offer:</p> <p>One parent said that they like the Y7 model.</p> <p>A discussion took place around AI and its role in homework – how can we make sure that AI is not just a shortcut to</p>

	<p>“cheating” learning? A parent suggested that if we allow students to use AI for homework, the teachers should still check their learning and understanding to check they have engaged with the work.</p> <p>Parents told us that they were happy with the amount and frequency set, but recognised that this is something that will be under review as we onboard more year groups and have more exam classes.</p>
<p>2. Session 6</p>	<p>Session 6 was discussed – parents felt that the school position was perfectly reasonable in terms of taking a register but not being able to guarantee or enforce that children attend or stay for the entire session. Suggested to change the sign-up forms and have a tick box to say they understand that students will not be escorted to session 6 or forced to stay.</p> <p>Action: MNO/EGR to review the forms and ensure communication and sign up is clearer to help manage expectations.</p>
<p>3. A.O.B</p>	<p><i>Science and maths changed groups –why was this not communicated to parents?</i></p> <p>Set changes happen regularly in maths and science in response to assessment. Parents will always be contacted if there is a behaviour issue or an individual reason for a set change, but these wholesale changes happen as a matter of course to build resilience and support students in mixed ability classes.</p> <p><i>Parents asked about streaming and setting – explained that this is becoming more possible and recent group moves in science and maths were to allow for this.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Parent Forum: Thursday 11th June 6 – 7pm 	