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Dear Parents,

Parent Voice opportunities and Covid 19 Update

Parent Voice

Communication is a very important part of making our school work well and hearing feedback from parents is crucial to us getting things right. When I joined the school four years ago social media views on the school were rife and often sensationalised by parents who had not come in to talk to us. Within the first term I established 'Parent Voice', this is a group of parents that represent each year group and are able to constructively bring feedback from how things are going. This is something that I really value as it takes longer to build a positive reputation, but only takes a few minutes for this to be destroyed by social media. Our staff are very approachable and we would aim to rectify any issues quickly, so if you do feel that you are concerned or unhappy about something please do come and talk to us straight away and not just wait for the Parent Voice meeting.

Parent Voice feedback can be positive and is the perfect forum for any concerns that parents may have. The meetings are every half term, due to Covid 19 restrictions I will be looking to run these on line via Zoom during a Monday evening 7-8pm until such point that we are able to meet together. Parent Voice minutes are published to all with the newsletter following a meeting.

If you would like to volunteer as a parent representative then please complete the slip below and return it to the office. If you are already a parent rep and are happy to continue then please also return the slip.

Covid 19 Update

As we are all very aware the situation and local 'R' number changes daily, so we understand that anxiety linked to this is high. I would continue to thank parents for their efforts in dropping children at the correct time and adhering to the additional measures such as the one way system and social distancing. Some parents have asked for greater clarification linked to the school's daily routine with the children with regards to hand washing and sanitising. The guidance that all teachers are undertaking each day is as follows:

- Entrance into school- hand sanitiser
- Once bags are unpacked and into class- hand washing at the classroom sink
- Before morning break and after morning break returning back into the class- sanitise and hand wash (e.g. sanitise on way to break, wash hands on way back in)

- During lessons before lunch- hand wash (in ones or twos to enable learning to continue)
- Before lunch- hand wash/sanitise if they have been playing on the playground first
- After lunch- sanitise before they leave the hall
- During afternoon lessons- hand washing in ones or twos
- Before the leave for home- sanitise or hand wash

Also when using the toilet they need to sanitise before entering, wash hands after the toilet and then sanitise on their way back to class.

Teachers along with the children have needed to adapt to this routine and teachers have been so focused to help the children get back into learning that I have had to reinforce and remind them that we do need to give adequate time throughout the day for handwashing as it is an important measure in keeping us all safe. We will continue to keep this standard high and meet this level of hygiene needed, so thank you to parents for their feedback on this.

Attendance

Many parents have rang into school, unsure as to what to do if their child is poorly with a cold. If your child does not have a temperature or one of the other Covid symptoms then we are happy for them to be in school as long as the child is well enough. However we also want to keep everyone safe, so if they do have one or more of the symptoms then please inform us and you will be required to undertake a Covid test before returning them. I am aware that the availability of tests is not ideal at the moment so please do not panic, please give us a call and we can give you further guidance.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jo Walker

Headteacher

Poulner Junior School Parent Voice Return slip

I would like to be a Parent Voice representative for Year:.....

Child's name: Class:.....

Parent/cares name:.....

Email address to arrange for zoom:.....

Signed:..... Date:.....

