

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School

Minutes of Parent Forum

Held at Cuddington & Dinton CofE School, Cuddington Site

On 7th March 2025

Present: Nicola Wilde (Chair), Ruth Redding (Y6), Melissa Lamburn (Y5), Poppy Smith (Y4), Karen Gwynne (Y3), Samantha Rockett (Y2), Gill Hargreaves (YR)

Apologies: Rachel Ford (Y1)

The parent forum reps make a decision on whether they take the topics raised to the agenda for discussion. The topics should be related to the school in general, and anything relating to specific classes should be raised by the parent directly with the teacher (the parent rep will let you know if this is the case).

Item	Topic	Minute
1	Breakfast Club	Mrs Wilde is looking into a 7:45am start for breakfast club on the infant site but there are some government proposals that have been made regarding wraparound care in schools and she is waiting for them to be confirmed before any decisions for infant site are made.
2	Pick-up Time at Junior Site	<p>It is not possible to change the school day times on either site. Mrs Wilde and the other staff are aware of the time restraints and parking difficulties and Mrs Wilde will continue to encourage the infants to be sent out promptly. Parents should be assured that it is not a problem if you are late to junior site having collected an infant child. Children of late parents will just be taken inside and Mrs Wilde will assure them that it is not a problem.</p> <p>It was raised that parking in Dinton on Tuesday can be particularly tricky due to an art club at the church. The art club is supposed to be finished by 2:30pm so the parking shouldn't be a problem but they are often staying longer and clashing with school pick-up. The club is not affiliated with the school in any way so there is little that can be done; however, Mrs Wilde will speak to Phil Groves (vicar) to see if the art club can be encouraged to leave prior to the end of school.</p>
3	Use of X (previously Twitter)	Numerous parents don't use X and wondered if an alternative could be considered. Mrs Wilde would like to find an alternative but it needs to be a neutral platform that is secure and safe. Suggestions for sporting club apps were suggested, and suggestions would be welcomed.
4	Targets for Children	Parents have asked if targets could be tweaked a little to meet 'SMART' criteria for the younger children. Mrs Wilde will pass this onto the teaching staff.

5	School-led Clubs	<p>There has been a request that school-led clubs are announced earlier to enable advance booking of Exposure Sport. It is hard to do this, and until very recently, they were announced after the half term so announcing before the end of the previous term is a significant improvement.</p> <p>There are no school-led clubs on the first week back after holidays as this gives teachers time for planning etc.</p> <p>The clubs cannot be made any longer. They are provided to enhance the school experience and Exposure Sport is there for anyone needing their child to stay in school for longer.</p>
6	Thank you	Thanks have been expressed by Foundation parents to Miss Webb and Mrs Humphreys for all their hard work.
7	Fruit	Fruit is available on the infant site for after school clubs.
8	Paper napkins at lunch time	The provision of napkins would lead to more waste and litter. Sensible eating habits are actively encouraged
9	Certificates	The Department for Education (DFE) are pushing attendance as it has dropped nationally, although our attendance remains good as a school. Attendance figures are auto-uploaded to Bucks and DFE daily. Mrs Wilde was looking through the figures looking for patterns and anomalies and was struck by the high level of 100% attendance there was, felt it was impressive and wanted to recognise this. The certificates will still be presented but with a concession for medical condition absences. Alongside these certificates, it was suggested that there could also be academic and effort awards, which Mrs Wilde is keen to explore.
10	Subscription to school clubs	Some children have missed out joining the nature club twice. Mrs Wilde will be looking at those who have missed out and how they can be prioritised next time.
11	Scheduling of extra activities/events	School does try to spread out the timings of school trips, sporting events etc. but most of the time these are out of the school's control. For example, options are limited when booking school trips and competition dates are down to the organisers.
12	Welly Store	The welly store has been delivered to the junior site but it needs to be built. Wellies can be left at school but they won't really be used until the welly store is ready. It will be for Y3/Y4 at first and, if successful, one will be purchased for Y5/Y6.
13	Pond Area	The pond area should be being used and Mrs Wilde encourages staff to use it. Outdoor learning is always encouraged, and does happen, especially if it fits the learning.
14	Football at Playtime	Football takes up most of the playground and so is currently limited to one day per week, with a variety of other activities for the other days. With the better weather coming, they will be on the field soon and the rules will be lifted. The children are

allowed to bring in a second pair of shoes instead of wellies that they can use for playing on the field.

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| 15 | Portion Sizes at Lunch | Mrs Wilde will check portion sizes again. Sometimes the food ordered has run out and this could be due to a change in staff. Parents can contact Fresh Start if they have any concerns. |
| 16 | Y6 Teaching Assistant | There was concern that Y6 don't have a teaching assistant at the moment. Mrs Clark is with Y6 every morning and all day on a Tuesday, and is with Y2 for two afternoons per week. Y5 have a new TA due to start just before Easter. |
| | Meeting Close | The next meeting date is Friday 13 th June 2025. |