

# Parent Forum Minutes



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<b>Meeting title:</b>	<b>The Grove Parent Forum</b>
<b>Date and time:</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Meeting at the school</b>
<b>Parents</b>	Jennifer Brown Steph Owen Kim Kent Molly Graham
<b>In attendance</b>	Hayley Cheeseman, Headteacher Anna Duval, MET Clerk

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Mrs Cheeseman welcomed everyone to the Parent Forum meeting.

A MS Forms was sent to all parents in advance of the meeting to give feedback and raise questions to the parent forum. There were 2 responses and these were used to shape discussions.

The rationale of the meeting was explained. They are to provide feedback and suggest improvements, and to help promote positive and effective two-way communication between parents and the Trust. The improvement of children's learning experience is the Forum's clear and consistent goal.

Parent Forum meetings will not be discussing items relating to specific pupils, specific parents, or individual staff: this should be discussed one to one with the relevant teacher or Headteacher as appropriate.

## **School updates**

### **Car park**

Mrs Cheeseman said car park management has been reviewed. Parking will be for staff, Oasis's parents and for breakfast club only. In exceptional circumstances parents can have a pass. The pedestrian gate will be altered to create a second gate and a path to Oasis. Information on car park management will be communicated to parents.

### **Funding Received**

The school has received some S106 funding from housing development.

It was used to fund the new playground equipment.  
The rest will be used to replace the toilets and the cloakroom area.

### **Catering**

The current catering contract has come to an end and a new catering contract was tendered. The new catering provider Innovate will start in the autumn term. They will be providing free porridge for every child.

### **Assessments**

Mrs Cheeseman said that the SATs went well and asked parents if they would be interested in a session to find out more about the SATs. Parents felt it could be useful to see the methods used in maths.

Year 2 will be doing their SATs tests this week. Parents said they did not know year 2 were having SAT tests.

Mrs Cheeseman asked if parents would like to be informed when they take place. Parents said it would help them to support their child.

There are year 1 phonics test and year 4 multiplication checks.

### **New year intake**

Mrs Cheeseman said there are 28 first choice and 56 applicants for the autumn term. Parents gave positive views on the school.

### **Promotional video**

The school has made a promotional video. It will go on the school website.

### **Staff changes**

2 teachers are leaving (1 maternity leave)  
2 new teachers have been appointed.  
2 LSAs are leaving and replacement interviews take place next week.

### **Creative learning services**

They will continue to come into school to deliver event days.

### **Sports day and Summer Fair**

Mrs Cheeseman said everyone in the school are looking forward to sports day and the summer fair.

### **Communication**

Mrs Cheeseman said she welcomes parents' views.  
The school doesn't do a school newsletter but does provide a lot of notices via Dojo.  
Parents said they like Class Dojo and the reminders that teachers send of when PE day is and other events.

### **Feedback from Parents: What is Working Well?**

- Events and trips
- Teaching, supporting child comprehensively throughout their school journey, variety of resources and activities.

### **Feedback from Parents: What could we improve?**

- Communication from certain classes
- School to parent communication, and open door policy

### **Feedback from Parents: Other items to discuss**

- Are school leaders taking the pandemic years of 2020-2021 into consideration, as the children born during these years are now starting their school journey? These children have had a collectively and significantly different start in life to their older peers, and I wonder if the Reception teachers consider and prepare for this? How many staff members currently work in Reception and will work there in the next academic year?

### **Other items discussed at the meeting**

#### **Covid**

Parents asked if adjustments are made for this and next year's reception children who were impacted during Covid?

Mrs Cheesman said that the school do consider the impact of Covid on children and it is a whole school strategy. The current year 5 children will have missed 6 months of their reception school year. Those in year 2/3 will have been young and missed time at nurseries.

Mrs Cheesman said the school is finding there are more speech and language needs and lots of children missed the socialisation from preschool that gives them confidence.

Many families shared devices during Covid and struggled to access home online learning.

Parents asked what reception is planning for the new intake?

Mrs Cheesman said they will be investing in the play area equipment. E.g. specific items for kitchen that will help develop conversations. The curriculum and staffing is being planned.

Mrs Cheesman said that staffing can be difficult in reception as funding follows needs. Oasis preschools helps identify needs and help with need assessments.

#### **Class teachers**

Parents asked when will children's find out who their next year's teacher is?

Mrs Cheesman asked if parents would like to wait for the LSAs to be appointed or find out who the class teacher is first.

Parents said they would like to find out sooner.

Mrs Cheesman said a letter will go out to let parents know class teachers and will include information about the transition day and class swop day. Parents will be invited into school at the end of the day to meet the class teacher.

**Parent governor opportunities**

The Grove is one of the schools in Melton Mowbray Trust and there is a governance structure. There are opportunities for parents to become a governor in one of the three local governing committees: the Performance Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Community Committee. If any parents are interested in finding out more about the role of the parent governor or is interested in becoming a parent governor please ask the school to share your contact details with the Governance Manager.

Mrs Cheeseman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:10pm