

# Parent Forum: Weds 11th February 2026 at 9am

This meeting is hosted by Mrs Felstead – the schools Family Liaison Officer:

| Attending |                    |
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| Parent    | Child in YR & YR 2 |
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## Objectives and Aims

To give parents an opportunity to express their views and give suggestions to improve policies and procedures on topics which directly affect themselves as a parent and/or their children.

## Agenda

1. Parent Forum Code of Conduct; this was agreed and will be shared on the website
2. Previous Meeting dated October 2025 and follow up actions as outline below:

| What you said   | What we did  |
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| A parent raised the point that holding a Parent Forum during the afternoon doesn't suit working parents and requested that they be held in the evenings to enable more parents to attend.   | The Summer Parent Forum will be held at 5pm-6pm to enable working parents to attend. We will continue to monitor attendance and review dates/times to get the best possible audience.<br><br>Any parents unable to attend the meeting can send their views/suggestions directly to Mrs Felstead to be shared at the meeting or another parent attending the meeting. |
| <b>Parent response:</b> Parents thought the evening parent forum a great idea and would like an afternoon one if possible so all parents get the opportunity to attend.   |  |
| We discussed the possibility of a class representative to collect the views of parents who would like to attend but are unable to due to work commitments. This would give all parents a voice as they could contribute through this nominated parent.  | Parents currently share ideas via their own Whats App group and parents are also invited to email Mrs Felstead. This ensures all parents have a voice.   |
| <b>Parent Response:</b> Happy with continuing to gather information as they are, they will reach out to parents in YRS 3-4  |  |
| A parent commented that there is too much App based homework especially for younger year groups.  | The school feels that there is a balance of app based and book based homework in YR & Y1; children have phonics homework which is recorded in a book alongside the option to access Numbots.<br><br>In Y2,3,4, the majority of homework is App based, but accompanied by daily reading – the school feels this reduces the cognitive load at evenings and weekend.   |
| <b>Parent Response:</b> Comments were that parents were misunderstanding the expectations around the App based homework. Suggested clearer expectations be communicated to parents alongside the homework sent out: ie length of time to be spent doing the H/W and how often? The expectation that parents should oversee the learning. Also a note to emphasize that when in school the majority of learning is not done on computers. Some parents commented too much H/W. |  |
| Parents would like more opportunities to come into school to see the work that their children have done at regular intervals over the year; termly if possible.   | There are lots of opps to come in to school to see various curriculum events; children's work is on display.   |

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|   | Pupil books are readily available at Spring consultation evening and the school is happy to consider an open afternoon – can this be discussed further? |
| <p><b>Parent Response:</b> Parents love the curriculum events. They also asked if they could have the opportunity to come into the classroom after school maybe at 3.30 at the end of the day. The parents present preferred that option as they didn't want to interrupt children's learning by coming into classrooms in the afternoon.</p> <p>Alongside coming into school to see work, parents proposed the possibility of a child's proudest piece of work being photographed and sent home for the parents to have something to talk/celebrate with their children.</p> |   |

### 3. Arising Items:

#### Non uniform days

While the parents present appreciated they had asked for more non uniform days, they had received views that there were sometimes too many in a short space of time. They also raised the point that some parents felt pressured to buy new outfits for these occasions and suggested that if possible could we send out inspiration/ideas on how to make costumes cheaply ie using the charity shops. They thought pictures of homemade outfits could also be useful or links to websites with ideas.

#### The Compass App

Parents were very positive about the App but asked if digital responses to letters were acceptable or did paper copies have to be submitted. They had parents commenting that they didn't have printers. They suggested the possibility of a Google form linked from the App that parents could fill in online. One parent present offered help with this as she does them regularly if needed.

#### Last year's photographs

Mixed views on these, but it seemed the majority weren't happy and also thought they were very expensive.

#### After School Club

Will there be an extension to after school clubs hours?

#### Parking outside school.

Parents felt that some parents were not parking considerately especially as the school is filling up and there are more parents dropping children off. They asked if we could send out a reminder to parents about parking with consideration to other parents and Stanbridge residents.

#### Facebook

One parent questioned whether Facebook could be made private so negative/inappropriate comments could not be posted. However she appreciated that it was a useful tool to advertise the school, so wondered if there were any filters that could be put in place to prevent such comments being posted.

**Next meeting date to be confirmed: Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May 5.00-5.45pm**