

## **Parent Forum Minutes: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 9.30am – 10.15am**

### **1. Parents' Forum / School Surgeries**

Parent Forum meetings are bigger issues – policies, ideas, opportunity for parents to share thoughts, concerns etc.

School Surgery meetings are based on a variety of subjects/topics and information giving.

All dates for the Parent Forum and School Surgeries are on the school website under the Parent tab. The school will send out a reminder to parents the week before.

### **2. School Gateway App Feedback**

Parents were introduced to the Gateway App over 12 months ago. This is the one and only way that the school will be communicating with Parents/Carers.

All parents who attended today's parent forum are already using the app and gave positive feedback on which you can use the app for:

- Check child's timetable
- Which members of staff teaches your child
- Achievements and progress information
- Attendance
- Detentions
- Lunch money / Lunch monitoring
- Reports
- School website

Parents also gave positive feedback on the reward schemes in place such as the gold card which are sent out to parents and encouraged the trips/visits rewards.

### **3. Mobile Phone Policy Feedback**

- Currently mobile phones are allowed onsite for all students
- The use of mobile phones are not allowed in the school building
- Mobile phones are only allowed in the school playground only to listen to music with earphones
- Mobile phones are confiscated where these rules have not been followed

Feedback from parents was very positive. Parents agreed that students shouldn't have mobile phone access in school. However parents expressed that it is a communication contact with their child after school.

### **4. Parent Power**

The school is aiming to establish a group of parents who would like to take an active and regular role in the various events and activities that take place in the school throughout the course of the year.

The first event is "Dance Around The World" on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

If parent/s are interested in being part of parent power please email Mr Morris:  
[morrisj@bow-school.org.uk](mailto:morrisj@bow-school.org.uk)

**5. Open Agenda**

- What are the aspects of school life that you want to know about
- Improving services to parents

All parents that attended the parent's forum agreed that they were good.

**Next School Surgery: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**9.15am – 10.15am. Topic - KS3 & KS4 Pathways and Careers Guidance**

**Next Parent Forum: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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