

Parent Forum Minutes: Tuesday 5th March 2019, 9.30am – 10.15am

1. Parents' Forum / School Surgeries

Parent Forum – A platform for parents to feedback on key aspects of school policies and practises and to discuss items that they feel are important.

Dates for future Parent Forums:

- 30th April 2019
- 18th June 2019

School Surgery – Opportunity for parents to get information about key features of school life in the form of presentations from key members of staff.

The next School Surgery meeting is on Tuesday 26th March 2019. The topic will be on BowExtra, Talented Students and Independent Learning.

Dates for future School Surgeries:

- 14th May 2019
- 2nd July 2019

All dates for Parent Forums 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. Place2Be

KS3 School Project Manager – Holly Samson

KS4 School Project Manager – Fiona Walkingshaw

Who are we?

Place2Be - Making a lifetime of difference to children and young people in schools.

Our mission – Is to enhance the wellbeing and prospects of children, young people and their families by providing access to therapeutic and emotional support in schools, using a proven model backed up by research and training.

Our vision is a world where children and young people have the opportunity to grow up with prospects rather than problems; to thrive rather than to strive.

What we do – key facts

- Founded in 1994
- 25+ years' experience delivering school-based counselling services
- 294 schools
- Services available to 142,000 children
- Place2Be promotes children's mental health and early intervention
- Multi award-winning charity
- Royal patronage of HRH The Duchess of Cambridge bringing increased visibility and accessibility to children's mental health.

Why our work matters

50% of adult mental health starts before the age of 14. Potential triggers and problems can be identified and addressed early on:

- Mental health problems in children and young people could have their roots in any number of issues
- If left unaddressed the problems can create distress, not only in the children and young people, but for their families and carers
- If left unmanaged/untreated they can continue into adult life and potential affect the next generation.

Where we work: Place2Be's Service at Bow School providing integrated support

- Supporting parents and carers
- Supporting children and young people
- Supporting staff.

Place2talk – Available to all students at break time and lunchtime.

1:1 Counselling – Appointment based over a period of time (weekly) and with the consent from parents/carers.

3. Welcome to our world festival 2019

- Saturday 13th July 2019 at Bow School from 11.00am to 2.00pm
- The event will be an opportunity to represent the cultural heritage of everyone at Bow School
- 34 different cultures within Bow School
- We want the whole community involved – students, staff, parents and community partners.

Parents who attended today's Parent Forum thought it was a great idea.

If you would like to be involved in the welcome to our world festival you can contact Mr Morris via email: morrisj@bow-school.org.uk

4. Parent Forum Actions from 22nd January 2019

- Action has been taken to look at the school's behaviour management system are ongoing but the views from the recent parent's forum are being considered.
- A large amount of work has been undertaken to ensure that homework is being recorded in student planners and is recognised as an important area of concerns for parents.
- The positioning of Year 7 Parents Evening has been discussed at senior leadership level (SLT). The new academic calendar will address the concerns raised.

5. Open Agenda

What are the aspects of the school life you want to know about?

- Parents would like to know more about students levels, how to support their child in preparation for GCSE's – School Surgery on 26th March 2019 is on the topic of BowExtra (in which the school offers lunchtime and afterschool clubs) and Independent Learning.

What are the generic issues that the school need to address?

- Gateway App – Achievement points not showing up all the time on parent's app.
- Behaviour detention – Some discussion about the transfer of information to parents about 45 or 90 minute detentions. Parents commented on the fact that they did not always receive a phonecall about a detention and why it had been set.

Next School Surgery: Tuesday 26th March 2019

9.15am – 10.15am (9.30am Start). Topic – BowExtra, Talented Students and Independent Learning.

Next Parent Forum: Tuesday 30th April 2019

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