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Parent Forum

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who could attend the meeting last night. Here is a link to the presentation without the videos-

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What is a Parent Forum?

The Parent Forum is a group of parent representatives who meet once a term to discuss school-related issues.

Regular, open communication and consultation with parents is really important to the school. The Parent Forum is a consultative body that provides a valuable way to listen to your ideas and concerns and seek your views. It is not a decision making body but it will inform decision making.

Meetings are led by school staff and school committee members. Meetings are informal and a genuine opportunity for open discussion.

Examples of issues that may be discussed include:

- School development planning
- Teaching methods-opportunity for information evenings
- Parking and safe routes to walk /cycle to school
- Communication
- Homework
- Views on school policies when they are updated e.g. Behaviour Policy

Who is a member of the Parental Forum?

You all are. Some of you will be able to attend meetings some of you will not, but you all have a voice. Ideally we are looking for up to 20 parents to meet termly to discuss matters raised by the school or the parents. If we have a huge interest we may need to look at representatives from year groups to keep the meeting manageable.

How do I contribute?

In the Foyer there will be a parental forum box and we will have an email which you can email suggestions to. This email will be parent@lahouquette.sch.gg (This should be live from Tuesday).

What should these contributions be?

They can range across the school life and our links with the wider community. They should be focussed on improving the learning experiences for our children.

What the Forum will not cover.

The Forum will not cover personal and individual concerns about children. It is very important that we hear about these things but this should come direct to the class teacher or headteacher.

We must focus upon how we can positively influence the experiences for our children.

What will happen in the meetings?

Meetings will last for 90 minutes - 45 minutes will be led by the school and 45 minutes will be driven by parental input. Timings are strict as all our time is precious.

How will we receive feedback ?

We will post action minutes on the website and in the newsletters. Any presentations will also be made available.

Next Steps

The first Parental Forum will take place on Monday 15th February 6.00p.m until 7.30p.m. This will be an open meeting to all and I will ask for numbers nearer the time.

From Tuesday the parental forum box will be in the foyer and the email address will be live.

Richard Fyfe