

Parents Forum Focus Meeting – Behaviour

29TH June 2016

Attendees – Staff:

Nathan Goodman – Deputy Vice principal

Claire Simpson – Student Learning Mentor

Parents: Biljana Caffery, Adele Whitehead, Audrey Parker, Joanne McGinty.

Thank you to the parents that attended the parent focus group meeting. Mr Goodman went through the Ofsted report and explained that the report will be on the Ofsted website very soon. The Behaviour in classrooms was good but the behaviour is not as good during unstructured time. The Behaviour policy will be more vigorously enforced.

The parents feel that students need to learn to manage their own behaviour. The parents also feel that the year 7 students should be treated differently to the year 11 students as they have just moved from primary school and are not used to the rules.

Some of the parents feel that some of the boys aren't affected by the detention and feel maybe we should try bespoke sanctions rather than blanket sanctions. The parents feel that blanket sanctions may not work for everyone.

The parents asked about the rules around the PSU and how it works. Explained that when a student is excluded they are sent to the PSU they are marked on the register as isolated and the teachers should send work. If the work isn't sent emails are sent and work sheets are given out.

Mr Goodman explained the current process of exclusions, students are isolated for the day as in the past students would miss behave to get out of certain lessons to then return to lessons they liked. In the new behaviour policy if a student is excluded they will be isolated for the lesson, if they are excluded again that day they will stay in isolation. The warning system is also changing students will now get up to 4 warnings before being excluded.

The senior leadership team will endeavour to go around all lessons throughout the day to monitor students who have had warnings. Parents will have access to class charts so they can monitor their son's behaviour including warnings and exclusions.

The parents have asked that if their son is moved up or down a class they would like to be made aware of this and the reason.

Under the new behaviour policy students can receive behaviour points that will count towards a permanent exclusion. Low level behaviour points will be counted separately.

The parent asked about the role of the student learning mentor i.e. who they need to speak to regarding their son. Mr Goodman has suggested putting this information on the website.

Mr Goodman explained that the behaviour policy is to help the students learn life skills i.e. you wouldn't turn up to work without equipment.

The parents have asked about a school bus being put on as they are aware of issues on the public buses. Mr Goodman has agreed to look into this, in the past it wasn't feasible due to small numbers but as the school is expanding it may be possible.