

# HODGSON ACADEMY PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

7.30pm in the Learning Centre

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Martin Pickles, Finance Director opened the meeting and welcomed parents to the meeting. No apologies were recorded.

Jeanette Bristow, Assistant Principal was introduced to the meeting. Jeanette was taking over responsibility for Parent Forum following Derek Yarwood's promotion to Acting Principal.

### 2. Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed

Martin Pickles outlined the measures taken re closing school entrance gates at peak times, parking on Moorland Road and the current situation.

Parents welcomed the efforts being made to keep the front of school as safe as possible

Further suggestions made included

Do not allow access to the front of school for students at start of school day – force them to come in via the ginnel gate thus parents would change the areas where they would drop off their children

Contribute to the consultation over the proposed new road links to M55 from Amounderness Way (stress need to reduce traffic on Moorland Road)

Remind students about safety when crossing the road – don't be on their phones, be alert etc

### 3. New Leadership Structures

Martin Pickles outlined the new structures in place following the retirement of Mrs Roethling and the resignation of Mr Kearns at the end of last term.

### 4. Attendance / Lates Policies

Jeanette Bristow outlined new measures being taken re students arriving late to the academy

A suggestion was made that start times are thoroughly advertised as a reminder to everybody

### 5. Parental Engagement Award

Jeanette Bristow outlined the intention of the school to apply for the Parental Engagement Award via the SSAT. Parental support was welcomed in respect of this process.

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## **6. Any Other Business**

A newsletter be considered for Year 7 parents to aid transition in the first year at secondary school

IT representatives come to the Forum at a future meeting to discuss IT / technologies and answer questions

Excellent feedback was given in relation to the intervention / support given to Year 11's last year. It was suggested that a little more notice be given as to the holiday revision classes

It was questioned as to when year 8 & 9 parents would be re-issued passwords for the Gateway. Martin Pickles would arrange for parents to be advised of this as soon as possible

Parents were advised to get a short cut to the Gateway on their phone

## **7. Dates of Future Meetings**

- Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 - 7.30pm start
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