

# HODGSON ACADEMY PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

7.30pm in the Learning Centre

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Jeanette Bristow, Assistant Principal opened the meeting and welcomed parents to the meeting.

### 2. Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed

### 3. Marking and Feedback Policy

Parents read the proposed policy and it was agreed that there shouldn't be irrelevant marking and feedback to support the school with regard to teacher workload. Parents agreed with the policy and were happy with the content. They particularly liked the use of peer and self-assessment.

### 4. Any Other Business

**Student App:** is being developed using feedback from the last meeting and students had been involved recently in the design of the app.

**Mobile Phone policy:** parents wholeheartedly supported the proposed policy and felt that it was an excellent idea. Only concerns were that they should have them before and after school and were happy that this new policy would not affect that.

**New caterers:** new contract by Chartwells, has no impact on current systems.

**Learning Gateway:** some parents commented that the layout had been changed but this was explained that it will be due to software upgrades and that the content will not have changed.

Mr Hargreaves would like to have a **Climbing Wall** installed, based on a previous request a few years ago and was keen to request this again. JBr made a note of his comments and said that it will be raised at SLT again, considering the increased demand of climbing facilities.

**Parent event:** JBr will liaise with Karen Brown to discuss dates for the event, to be held in Autumn 2017 to welcome new year 7 parents. The date will be agreed once the new calendar of events has been published.

### 5. Dates of Future Meetings

- Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 - 7.30pm start
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