



Atlantic Academy Parent Forum Agenda

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Attended: MHe, LMi, 7 parent representatives

Item	Detail	You said	We said/did
School Uniform	<p>Rationale for uniform</p> <p>Reasons behind winter change</p> <p>Logoed items - jumpers</p> <p>Feedback on this</p> <p>Actions and support</p>	<p>Some children appear to be pulled up inconsistently in regards to uniforms.</p> <p>Tights cause skirts to ride up</p> <p>Do students need to put blazers on when then leave class</p> <p>You were surprised that more girls don't wear trousers</p> <p>It was good that we can buy some non-branded uniform (jumpers) as it makes it cheaper</p> <p>Some older students feel they need to have a</p>	<p>We will always try in the first instance to ensure parents have the opportunity to correct uniform issues with an appropriate amount of time. We clarified that as per our policy, skirt length is to the top of the knee, there is no need for a slit or any particular material</p> <p>We recognise that skirts will ride up when sitting and wearing tights, but we will remind students to pull them down if they get above the required length.</p> <p>Blazers should be worn unless given permission by teachers to take them off. Blazers should be worn when students leave lessons and are walking around the school, this also supports students not losing their blazers as they get in the habit of putting them on.</p> <p>It is up to the students and parents as to whether they wear a skirt or trousers.</p> <p>We are pleased to hear that the non-branded jumpers are a financial support in some cases but students do not need expensive</p>



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		<p>'particular' non-branded jumper which is more expensive than the branded one.</p> <p>Does the school need coat donations?</p> <p>What is a hybrid shoe that is allowed as part of the uniform</p>	<p>non-branded jumpers, the branded one is a good alternative.</p> <p>We don't have the capacity to support coat donations/collections but this is a lovely idea and perhaps contacting Portland Council would be the best option.</p> <p>We referred back to the Uniform policy and advised all parents to contact the school through the contact forms if they ever have any concerns.</p>
<p>All through schools within schools</p>	<p>Launch of the new schools - belonging Staffing</p> <p>All through work and collaboration - linked teachers, support transition.</p> <p>Whole school assemblies</p> <p>Student role models - reading buddies, Anti bullying ambassadors, Sports Leaders, Digital Leaders, School council and Student Leaders</p> <p>Inter school competitions - feedback on engagement</p>	<p>The new 'schools' in schools could be confusing in regards to the school's names having changed from 'Faculty', it was agreed that this would take some getting used to. A parent new to the school however stated that they did not find this as confusing and likes the sense of belonging within schools.</p> <p>Students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the inter school activities - especially enjoyed the tug of war across all ages.</p> <p>Primary students are still feeling they feel more part of their class than their school (Chesil Cove, Church Ope, Castle Cove) but parents commented that they feel this would improve as they do more activities together. They like the school assemblies</p>	<p>We have moved in line with the trust and other Aspirations Schools, it might take some getting used to for parents and students who have been with the school for some time but we are happy with how students have welcomed the change and are pleased and proud this is evident all through..</p> <p>We have many more events planned through the year</p> <p>As we do more 'schools' activities students will gain more of a sense of belonging to their 'School'.</p>



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<p>Festive events and Fundraising</p>	<p>Macmillan fundraising totals Festive schedule shared Community events PTA events and recruitment</p>	<p>Communication could be clearer as sometimes it comes across as unclear as to the specifics of an event (some parents were unaware that they could bring in cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning). During the discussions some parents were aware of communications through SIMs - parents commented that SIMs appear to be unreliable as they don't always get the messages.</p>	<p>We will continue to try to make letters shorter and have organisational information prominent if appropriate.</p> <p>This event was communicated through facebook, letters home, Newsletters and pupils DMBs We do try to avoid last minute changes to events.</p>
<p>Any concerns to raise to the Regional Board meeting - Aspirations</p>	<p>Nothing raised</p>		