

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS FORUM

Date:	13/03/2017
Present:	Tina Patel-Shone, Nicola Cox, Helen Bantock, Annie Khan, Halak Nanavaty, Natacha Chenchery, Shira Middleton, Niall Waller, Mary McTernan, Rai Richardson
In Attendance:	Sarah Phillips – Head teacher Kam Bhogal – Parent Support Advisor
Minute Taker:	Annie Khan

NEXT MEETING
TBC

1/9	Apologies	
	It was noted the following could not attend the meeting Uzma Saeed, Haider Habib and Anwar Dadd.	Action
2/9	Welcome and context for meeting	
	Kam Bhogal welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the Agenda. The focus of this meeting was ' Parking Charter – discussion around traffic in the local area and the drafting of a 'Road safety and Parking Charter' for agreement by Loddon Families.	Action
3/9	Agenda: Mrs Phillips Concerns	
	<p>Mrs Phillips has had an increased number of complaints coming in regarding parent parking around the school site. This has impacted local residents as well as by-passers. Parents/Carers are parking inconsiderately near the school entrances on Silverdale Road and on Hillside Road. This concern is not just related to residents but also to the Safety of our children.</p> <p>Mrs Phillips has been standing at the entrance on Silverdale Road for over a month now to stop inconsiderate drivers from causing danger. Parents are pulling into the slip entrance of the staff car park to drop off their children. This is dangerous as a lot of children cross over and majority of the time drivers are not using their mirrors to reverse carefully. The children's safety is very important to Mrs Phillips, Parents need to team up with Mrs Phillips and make it safe. Parents/Carers have been rude to Mrs Phillips when approached in the mornings advising them not to park or stop here.</p> <p>Mrs Phillips has asked the council for double yellow lines around the school premises to stop this havoc but the Council have not yet responded.</p> <p>Mrs Phillips is reaching out to the Parent Forum for their help and support in drafting out a Parking Charter.</p>	Action
4/9	Group Discussion on topic	
	<p>Kam spoke about what other schools are doing regarding this matter. She then asked the Parent Forum to split into groups to discuss what is important to include in the Parent Charter. Suggestions that were raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Don't block turnings, as this blocks the view of the road ahead for others. ➤ Be considerate of emergency vehicles and Buses. On many occasions they are stuck on Silverdale Road due to wrong parking or no way given to pass by. ➤ Having a Zebra crossing outside school may slow drivers down. ➤ Extend the yellow zigzag at both entrances ➤ Parents should park a few streets away and walk to keep safe and area less congested. Park safely. ➤ Get the children involved into awareness of the danger of parking or stopping illegally. ➤ One group mentioned using Values like in School – Such as consideration, 	Action

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	<p>respect and safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Be considerate, paths are for pedestrians and not for cars or bikes going at speed. ➤ It was suggested if we make rules it is best to also explain why these rules are in place, for a better understanding. ➤ Everyone agreed it is best to get the children involved too. ➤ Be positive to make them realise it is very important. ➤ Mrs Phillips pointed out that the single yellow lines do not state no stopping and parents play on that. We need to try and get council to change signs to no stopping. ➤ Place a larger keep clear sign outside the school car park entrance so parents do not stop there to drop off. 	
5/9	Draft Letter	
	A Draft letter was put together with the help of Parent Forum. The group decided it is best to use values related to parking. This will be released to parents in due course.	Action
6/9	Actions To be taken from this meeting:	
	<p>Finalise letter drafted at the meeting to send out to parents to sign.</p> <p>Request put forward to council for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A zebra crossing on Silverdale road outside the school. ➤ To extend the zig-zag lines, double or single yellow lines on both Silverdale Road and Hillside Road. ➤ For no stopping signs to be added to the Yellow lines. <p>Loddon staff will arrange for a 'Keep Clear' sign to go up outside the school car park entrances.</p> <p>Parent Forum group to help finalise letter, and assist the school in anyway needed to enforce these rules.</p>	<p>Action Kam</p> <p>Mrs Phillips</p> <p>Mrs Phillips</p> <p>PFG</p>
7/9	AOB:	
	<p>We would like to inform you that at Loddon we are about to begin the audit and action planning required to achieve the Leading Parent Partnership Award which is to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. Parent Forum is one important example of the many activities we are involved in which are intended to strengthen Partner Partnership. As a Department of Education endorsed award this will give us national recognition for our commitment to working with parent and we hope inform any areas which we need to strengthen further. The details will be discussed at a later date in more depth.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Mrs Phillips, Kam and PFG</p>
8/9	Proposed agenda for next meeting	
	Arranging meeting days and times	
	TBA	Action
9/9	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
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