

Notes of the Parent/Carers Forum Held 17 March 2009

Present: P Biswas, L Daly (notes), J Evans, C Johnston, M Kernan, J Lederhose, H Pedro, G Norcliffe, M Shepherd, C Wakefield (Chair), M Wilsher.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies had been received from: S Andreoli, P Armstrong, C DeSouza King, N Lamb, D Rishi, E Theophanus.

2. Notes of the last meeting

2.1. There were no matters arising.

3. School Transport Policy

3.1. Mr Kernan spoke to the paper circulated and invited feedback and comments. The Forum endorsed the paper, and Mrs Shepherd volunteered to meet with Mr Kernan as a parent/carer representative to contribute to the development of the full policy submission.

4. Any other business

4.1. Foreign Exchange Visits. (Mrs Shepherd)

4.1.1. Having seen reports in the press that it was to become obligatory for UK host families to be vetted, Mrs Shepherd asked what steps Latymer would be taking to comply. There was also a request for clarification as to what type of checking of host families abroad might be expected.

Action: Mr Wakefield to refer to Mr Ridge

4.2. Parents Evenings Appointments (Ms Wilsher)

4.2.1. Parents had been assured at previous meetings of the forum, that in the event they were unable to see a subject teacher at one parents evening, provision would be made to ensure that they would definitely see them at the next. It was the experience of Forum members that this had not happened. There was no opportunity to indicate when this had happened when appointments are being drafted. In addition, there had been instances where parents had been given appointments in subjects that were not being pursued at GCSE but not in those subjects which were. Being able to see all teachers in the GCSE subjects would be preferred.

Action: Mr Wakefield to refer to Miss Beskeen.

4.3. Accessing LILE (Ms Johnston)

4.3.1. Parents/carers would find it useful if a reminder on how to access LILE was given more often, e.g. on circulars.

4.4. Speakers at Parent/Carers Forum

4.4.1. Mr Wakefield asked for suggestions as to who might be invited to speak at future meetings. Suggestions included: Mr Ridge, Heads of Department and head of year.

The next meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday 9 June.