

Saint Paul's Journey

Meeting with parents and carers – 23 January 2020

This was the first meeting with parents of the new year; Mrs Crannitch and Miss Luisa were also present.

The process for recruiting a new Head teacher was explained – candidates who had been shortlisted would be interviewed and tested on Tuesday, 28th January. The Multi Academy Trust has significant experience in this process. It was so important to appoint the right person for the job, and the new Head would be in post by September 2020 at the latest.

There was considerable discussion about what parents wanted to see in a new Head. Parents were very pleased with the advances that had been made under Miss Wood's leadership; there were very good structures and procedures now in place, and this progress needed to be built upon and further developed.

They looked for a Head who will put EFFORT and energy into encouraging and driving the children's progress. The Head needs to be always welcoming and open, smiling and approachable. Needs to be out in the playground and at the school gate every day.

And it is important that s/he is not only open to listening to and hearing from parents, but that s/he FOLLOWS UP on any matters raised and gets back to the parent.

Mrs Crannitch explained that as Deputy Head, she was looking forward to being there to support the new Head and guide her/him into the school and into the position.

The Homework Club was discussed. This was a valuable resource for many children, but more numbers were needed since it needed to be funded by the charges that were made. Some felt that children who most lacked home encouragement would significantly benefit by attending, if only their families would sign them up.

The School had just been inspected under the "SIAMS" regime. This appeared to have gone well and we are awaiting the Inspector's report and judgement. Thank you to those parents/carers who came to the open meeting with the Inspector.

The School very much appreciates the support and loyalty shown by parents on this journey of improvement.

Reminded that concerns over an individual child should be raised outside the meeting.

Peter Chadwick, Chair Local Governing Body

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