

Parent Forum Friday 17 January 2025

Present: Tim Whitehead (Head Teacher) Karen Law (Parent Governor Minutes) and Various Parents/Carers from school

Agenda items put forward by school:

- Internet safety
- Road safety
- Safeguarding – pupil safety in school
- Lending library for resources

Internet Safety

TW explained that internet safety is becoming more of a concern including with lower years as out of school activities e.g. WhatsApp groups are filtering into school. As such parents and carers need to be more aware of internet use by the children. TW explained that the NSPCC attend school on a biannual basis to discuss internet safety with the children in class groups. A discussion took place as to whether or not these visits can be more regular.

Decision - TW to contact NSPCC to discuss more regular visits.

A decision took place as to whether the NSPCC can come into school to discuss internet safety with parents which has happened in past years.

Decision - TW to approach the NSPCC to discuss organising a session for the parents. Consideration to be given to encouraging parents into school for such events e.g. coffee mornings.

TW explained that Kildwick subscribes to an Online Safety newsletter and a discussion took place regarding making this accessible to parents.

Decision - TW to include a link in the weekly school newsletter.

A decision took place regarding sex education and the use of correct vocabulary for the children to use to ensure that they are comfortable in their discussions with parents, school and their peers. TW explained that SCARF provide professional guidance in this respect.

Road Safety

TW explained that the front gate is closed at school drop off time and is the safest access method and parents and carers have accepted that access is now via the side gate. The police have also delivered dark nights talks. North Yorkshire Council have carried out speed checks and found speed not to be an issue around school. KL explained that speed is not the only issue and children need to be aware of erratic and careless drivers following one of her own children being injured by a careless driver in recent weeks.

Decision - TW to continue arranging road safety talks and visits at school.

3. Safeguarding - pupil safety in school

TW explained that Kim Wilkinson has prepared a Pupil Safeguarding Snapshot to be circulated to parents. A draft was circulated and discussed at the forum. TW explained that all years were approached for responses which have been collated into the snapshot.

4. Lending Library for Resources

TW explained his intention to create a lending library. He has initially bought 3 books - When the Parents Change Everything Changes. These can be borrowed by signing the materials out. Members of the forum took the opportunity to borrow the books and the library was seen as a positive move by Kildwick. Once finished with the resources should be handed back to the Office.