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Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with an update of the discussions taking place in our Parent Forum meeting.

The Parent Forum is an open invite to all parents with children at The Walderslade & Greenacre Schools Partnership (WGSP). The meeting agenda is usually focused around one agenda item, although often we do digress into other education-based areas, it is not for any individual discussion, but to resolve, collectively, the issues that our students are facing at school.

Set out below are the topics that were discussed at our last Parent Forum. I feel it is important to highlight the areas where we are working as a community, utilising parental support, in order to improve the school's outcomes for all of our students. We spent time finding solutions and working together to get a better understanding of the current issues in school.

## MFL

Some issues were raised with regard to Years 7-9 in their French and Spanish lessons. As a result, Mr Goe and other members of the Senior Leadership Team have spent additional time in these lessons to quality assure the teaching and the student behaviour within these classes.

## Isolation

Isolation was discussed as the 'easy' option and students would rather attend there than some of their lessons. Mr Franklin, Lead on Behaviour has spent time evaluating this resource and looking at how this may merge with the boys provision isolation unit into next Academic year. There has been a refresh of the expectations and rules within isolation.

## Mobile Phones

We have a complete mobile phone ban within our school. Our parents and carers have supported this rule. We are still experiencing refusals from some students to hand over mobile phones but this is swiftly dealt with. Concerns were raised that some staff were breaking the mobile phone rule to allow students to carry out research and other tasks on their phones. I have reiterated the expectation to all staff and asked them to remain consistent with the mobile phone ban.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we reserve the right to ban a student bringing their phone into school if they repeatedly break our mobile phone rule.

## Class Reports

There were some concerns over behaviour and the class reporting system being used within Year 7 and 8. I have requested the Senior Leadership Team to focus time within Year 7 and Year 8 lessons for the remaining two weeks of term to look at trends in lesson quality and student behaviour.

## Rewards

All rewards points can be found in the Arbor app. Too many emails were being sent home to parents and so this has reduced traffic significantly. There was a concern over rewards being offset by sanctions, this was 'switched off' so values points and incident logs sit independently.

I look forward to meeting again on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 17:30. I would like to thank the parents who have given up their time to attend the Parent Forum so far and I look forward to seeing more as we move forward.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mrs L Campbell  
Headteacher