

Parent Forum Agenda and Actions 15th October 2025

Parent Feedback / Question	School Response	Outcome / Action
Duration of Parent-Teacher Consultations Timing of the First Consultation Scheduling and Logistics of Parent Evenings	Thank you for your detailed feedback regarding Parent Consultations. We understand that these meetings are vital for building strong partnerships between home and school. Giving 10-minute slots generally allows enough time to cover key areas and parents are always welcome to get in touch with the class teacher at other times with specific issues via email or telephone. Many schools do a 'meet the teacher' in September rather than a formal parents evening where you get to sit down and discuss targets and how the children have settled. An early October meeting ensures any emerging queries or concerns are aired in a timely fashion. We will give thought to moving it to November/ December but know this can be a busy time for both families and teachers. With regard to childcare, we try to be mindful of families' needs by offering afternoon appointment slots and the option to book children into after-school club until 6pm. This means that for the majority of the session, childcare is available, leaving only one hour where no provision is in place.	Rename first parents evening to "meet the teacher"
Website & Online Safety Would it be possible to make access to certain pages on Tunstall website password protected?	Thank you for raising this concern. We take safeguarding very seriously and are mindful of parents' concerns. Only photos of children with parental consent are shared, and full names are never used. We will continue to look at the ways information is shared and, if necessary explore options such as password protected areas. Not looking at putting passwords in at this time, possibly could restrict access to class	

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	pages. School to look into possibly removing specific locations of class trips to investigate costings of how much this would cost to put in place.	
Homework Request for school to reconsider incentives & rewards	As part of the Treasure, Trash and Try initiative, we listened carefully to both staff and parent voices. Moving forward: • We will no longer use Connect 4 or end-of-year prizes. Whilst we acknowledge that for some children, this was seen as a positive reward, for others it caused upset and distress. • We will celebrate children's efforts with weekly Home Learning Heroes on class blogs and in school. • Home learning remains optional. • Homework grids will include whole-school tasks, year-group tasks, and regular skill-based tasks. • Spellings and weekly targets will be reviewed for clarity and consistency. Our class pages (https://www.tunstall.kent.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/class-pages) are updated every Sunday, and a link is included in Tunstall Times each week as a reminder to parents to check. • Full details of our broader curriculum are kept up to date here: https://www.tunstall.kent.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum	Parents and children felt the rewards were an added pressure. Opinion was very 50:50 and it would be very difficult to reach a consensus that everyone agrees with. Home Learning Champ should be on blogs/tapestry and should be announced in class each week. This has been shared with staff as the expectation.

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	We value all feedback and will continue to monitor this new approach, allowing it time to embed fully and adapt as needed to ensure it works effectively for both children and families.	
Class Organisation Will mixing years 5 and 6 happen annually going forward?	Careful consideration is always given to class organisation, with decisions made in the best interests of children's learning and wellbeing. While mixing may not be an annual occurrence, adjustments may be made in future years as appropriate. We appreciate that change can feel unsettling and will communicate any updates clearly to families.	Not planned to be an annual thing but will be considered when necessary.
Play & Lunchtime Queries about football, safety, clubs and supervision.	The recent changes to break-time football are part of our Opal Play programme, designed to make playtimes more inclusive and enjoyable. Football continues to be part of the PE curriculum, after-school provision, and school teams. We are working to provide safe and fair opportunities for all children to enjoy football alongside other activities. From Spring, we will be introducing football mentors where children in years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to practice and learn new football skills during timetabled lunchtimes. School stance is that we are not 'anti-football', but offering a variety of play to all children which includes football. This is something that can be monitored and reviewed in due course. School confirmed that TA lunchbreaks had been changed to ensure there are adequate numbers of adults during opal play and that two members of SLT are outside every day, one SLT member monitors' football.	We are in line with all other local primary schools – Westland's only have football on Fridays, Minterne offer one playtime a week per year group
School Pick-Up Questioning possibility of changing pick up times	We understand that staggered collection can be challenging. Exits are staggered for safety and to maintain car park flow. Parents with children in both KS1 and KS2 may collect their younger child at 3.30	Parents with children in both KS1 and KS2 may collect their

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	pm to help reduce waiting time. We will continue to review procedures to balance safety and convenience. Some children in Years 5 and 6 have been given parental consent to leave the school site without an adult. This is part of the updated arrangements replacing the old blue band system. Children being collected by an adult will wait at the gate with a member of staff until they can see their parent or designated adult. These arrangements have been put in place to ensure the safety and supervision of all pupils. The school day officially starts at 8.45am. We understand that parking and drop-off can sometimes be challenging, especially for families needing to get to work. If it would be helpful, parents are very welcome to book their child into breakfast club, which opens earlier and can provide a smoother start to the day. We hope this offers some flexibility to support families' routines.	younger child at 3.30 pm to help
Lunch & Lunchtime Activities Queries about why children cannot watch a screen whilst eating, wait times for food and availability of food.	We are promoting oracy as one of our targets for development this year and having a 'screen' whilst eating can detract from the art of conversation. We also noticed that film-watching was delaying lunchtime and limiting outdoor playtime. We are delighted that children enjoy the new lunches. With rising numbers taking a school dinner, an extra member of staff has been employed to make sure that the wait is no longer than 10 mins. All dinners are served by 12.45 ensuring children have 45 mins play and 15 mins eating time. School is monitoring what younger children eat. School will look into promoting more special menu days.	We do not promote screens whilst children are eating
Lost Property & Cloakrooms	We are grateful for this generous offer. The cloakrooms are small and in the day can be 'full' but by home time they are relatively clear. The	Please name everything

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Offer of parents to tidy our cloakrooms and queries about excess loss property.	class monitors competently and capably take on the responsibility of tidying and are praised for doing so. The lost property trolley is put outside in fine weather for parent access. Our biggest issue is unnamed items. All named items are returned to children.	
School Events & Performances Query about Harvest and timings of Christmas performances.	We understand some parents will have been disappointed but can assure parents that all children not only celebrated Harvest Festival but spent time understanding its purpose both historically and in current times. The children had a guest speaker and additional Worship led by the foodbank. We are seeking to promote charitable giving and courageous advocacy and were delighted to pass on the generous donations. The changes with parents attending the church service but not the in school services were after reflecting on Treasure, Trash and Try feedback. We remain committed to including parents in key events and varying timings to ensure fairness.	Parent Council understood the schools rationale with regards to Harvest.
Clubs & Charges Process when cancelled	We strive to keep club charges as low as possible and only cancel where necessary due to staff availability or unforeseen circumstances. We aim to communicate clearly and manage cancellations fairly.	We will try our hardest not to cancel.
School Reports Request for these termly	Staff will happily update parents via a phone call or a meeting should there be any concerns about their child. Similarly, if we as a school have any concerns we would not wait until a parent consultation, we would be in contact. We always ensure we fulfil our statutory reporting responsibility anything additional would be excessive to teachers already 'heavy' workload.	This is not possible.
School Gates Main school gates, could the school community be updated on the repair	The gates have now been fully repaired. Thank you for your patience as we worked with contractors to resolve the issue.	Mended
Reading Records How to communicate with class teachers	Communication about reading progress can be arranged via the class teacher through the school office (office@tunstall.kent.sch.uk).	Through the office

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Head injury Reporting Process used	Phone parents straight away if there is an injury that needs attention. Otherwise incidents get recorded and an email goes home at 3:30.	
School uniform – Footwear	Mrs Andrews asked parent forum their thoughts on black/navy trainers and communicating this to parents as too many children are wearing white trainers. Reception children will still be able to wear their choice of colour trainer, but the school will communicate to parents 1-6 that trainers should be black/navy.	From Christmas only navy or black trainers will be permitted with formal school uniform in Years 1-6. White trainers are fine for PE days.
Powerful Parent Positives - I think it's worth passing on some good feedback about the school photos. They changed companies last year based on parent feedback and I think the quality and selection from the new company is a big improvement. - The change to publish class blogs at 10am on Sundays is working really well. - The Tunstall Transition document was an easier way to digest the information about new starters. The info about the teachers and photos of the classroom etc were really helpful.		
Any other business: Parents meetings will all be in the main hall moving forwards. This was not possible for the lower school due to a prior hall booking.		