

## Nanpean Community Primary School



### Parents Forum meeting

<b>Topics:</b> <i><b>Attendance Policy and Strategy</b></i> <i><b>Maths Policy and appendixes</b></i> <i><b>AOB</b></i>	<b>Attendance:</b> Mr Nicholls (Headteacher) + 5 parents.	<b>Date:</b> 15/3/2024 at 9am.
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<b>Last meeting - actions</b> Equality Policy and Objectives approved by Governors Maths Policy and Appendixes approved by Governors	✓ ✓
<b>1) Attendance (Policy and Strategy)</b> MN explained that TPAT have now written an attendance strategy and policy for schools to use. MN explained that this is currently at consultation stage (with staff and other stakeholders) and that schools will need to add their own details in certain places within the policy to make it relevant to the school. MN expects this to be done and shared with parents in the Spring Term and implemented for the Summer Term. MN explained that the policy is detailed, and clearly states expectations on school staff for supporting attendance. MN asked parents their views on attendance. MN asked parents if they knew the National Expectation (96%), and what this equates to. Parents did know this and said that their children attend school, but they did realise (and gave examples of family members at other schools) that school attendance doesn't seem as important to many parents nowadays. Covid-19 was discussed as a factor. MN said that this is common across the country, but that as a school, we are doing all we can to ensure high attendance. We are also currently above the local and national average for attendance which is pleasing.	
<b>2) AOB</b> MN asked about how the recent charity days (wishlist for Maria's Animal Shelter and World Book Day where school asked for no money but a donation of a book from an Amazon Wishlist if people could afford this) was received in view of previous comments about charity days. One parent asked how it would be interesting to compare amounts made for these charity days comparing money to wishlists. Another parents suggested we offer both, a wishlist or a donation. MN felt this was an excellent idea. Finally, one parent suggested it could be a mixture, i.e. a wishlist one half term, money another, and that these fundraising events should mainly be geared towards gaining funds for school. MN said that he is happy to action this plan, as any fundraising for school would be gratefully received. Another parent then said that other local schools mainly focus on internal fundraising, not to external charities. MN conceded that charities do often advertise their own events, so was happy to consider this and most fundraising opportunities being for the school in future.  A few parents then said that they prefer virtual / face to face parents meeting. Two others agreed. However, two parents present said they prefer virtual meetings, as these are always on time due to the system used. It was discussed a mixture of face to face or virtual. We then discussed other ways parents could meet teachers, such as a 'Meet the Teacher' session in July (Transition Day) or September (beginning of the Academic year).	<b>MN to ensure School Council set appropriate (time related and request related) fundraising events</b>  <b>MN to share with Admin team that fundraising events (majority of) should be for school funds</b>  <b>Meet the Teacher sessions in July / September</b>

As the meeting was ending, one parent suggested having a 'push to get more parents involved in the FANS group' as support from adults at a recent disco was not overly forthcoming. MN said he would put something on the Newsletter.	<b>MN to add note to Newsletter before end of Spring Term</b>
<b>Date of next meeting: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 9am.</b>	