

Notes of the APCC meeting held on 21 March 2013

29 parents present.

- Introduction by Mr Mountney – purpose of the meeting is for parents to have access to discuss topics with senior staff.
- Individual pupil concerns to be dealt with at the end of the meeting or through the usual channels.
- Data Dashboard is now available on Ofsted website please have a look it is very positive for Aldridge.

Agenda items for this evening: Uniform and Progress evening

Uniform

- Pictures of present uniform issued.
- Discussion on whether to continue with 2 sets of uniform,
- Parents asked to annotate pictures with their thoughts

Feedback received:

- Should all pupils wear ties? Opinion was Year 10 and above should have different uniform .
- Prefer blazer and tie, could have different tie for years ten and eleven?
- Flashes in ties suggested – positive feedback from this - agreed this does identify pupils easily
- Mr Mountney asked what guidance can we give to parents to make sure children gets right uniform. We have had some issues with trousers/jeans and canvas shoes.
- Suggestion that we produce a preferred list of suppliers and inform parents to contact school if in doubt.
- Parents felt navy blue trousers and skirts are difficult to find and would prefer to change to black
- Skirt lengths – problems with short skirts – how can we describe the correct length?

Progress evening

- Mr Sedgwick, Assistant Head and Mr Fendek, Business Manager discussed and explained the new Progress Evening booking system which had been trialled for two Progress evenings so far.
- Positive feedback from parents.
- House staff are aiming to contact all parents each year, as a courtesy - not all parents had received this call and this will be investigated.
- Parents were asked what else they would like the parent evening system to do.
- Some concern from parents who did not get text messages about parents evening
- Timings of parents evening was discussed – some felt they were too early.
- Question raised if it would be useful to be able to put notes on system beforehand?
- Some parents had problems logging on and then could not see all teachers,
- Parents asked if evening could be over more than one night- may only apply to lower years.

- Parents were reminded that any problems/concerns could be discussed with House Office staff at any time.
- Parents were positive on the “teacher absent” system for Parent Evenings and had been contacted