

## Parent Forum Meeting

06/12/23 Focus – Post 16 Consultation **Update** Reporting Format School Development Plan **ADHD** 



## Parent Forum

Our school's parent forum automatically includes every parent/carer with a child enrolled at the school.

Parent forums are a way for parents to get involved in school life. They are informal groups where parents can raise issues, be consulted on school policy and give their views.

As a member, you have:

- 2 a right to advice and information about your child's education at the school
- the opportunity to be more involved with what the school is doing



## Post 16 Consultation Update

The application to change the age range was submitted to the Regions Board in November and is currently due to be considered in January or early February.



## Reporting Format

#### **Autumn and Spring Term**

| KS2                          | Yr 7 - 9                | Yr 10 and 11            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| EfL Learning Journal         | EfL Learning Journal    | Overview of progress in |
| showing progress             | showing progress        | each subject – Grade    |
| towards termly targets.      | towards termly targets. | and Attitude to         |
|                              |                         | Learning                |
|                              |                         | Class Tutor Comment     |
| <b>KS2 Termly Attainment</b> | Renaissance Parent      | Renaissance Report for  |
| Overview                     | Report for Star Maths   | Star Reading and Star   |
|                              | and Star Reader         | Maths                   |



## Reporting Format

#### **Summer Term**

| KS2                          | Yr 7 - 9                | Yr 10 and 11           |  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| EfL Learning Journal         | EfL Learning Journal    | Full Report including  |  |
| showing progress             | showing progress        | comments related to    |  |
| towards termly targets.      | towards termly targets. | progress from all      |  |
|                              |                         | specialist teachers.   |  |
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| <b>KS2 Termly Attainment</b> | Renaissance Parent      | Renaissance Report for |  |
| Overview                     | Report for Star Maths   | Star Reading and Star  |  |
|                              | and Star Reader         | Maths                  |  |
| Full Report from Class       | Full Report from Class  |                        |  |
| Teacher                      | Teacher                 |                        |  |



### **KS2 Termly Data Overview**

#### **Termly Attainment Overview**

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|--------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
|              | Student Name                    |  |  |
|              | Year Group/Class                |  |  |
|              | Term and Year                   |  |  |
|              | Current Attainment              |  |  |
|              | Attention Level                 |  |  |
|              | Blank Language Level            |  |  |
|              | Reading Age (If still relevant) |  |  |
|              | Reading Stage                   |  |  |
|              | Spelling Stage                  |  |  |
|              | Maths Stage                     |  |  |

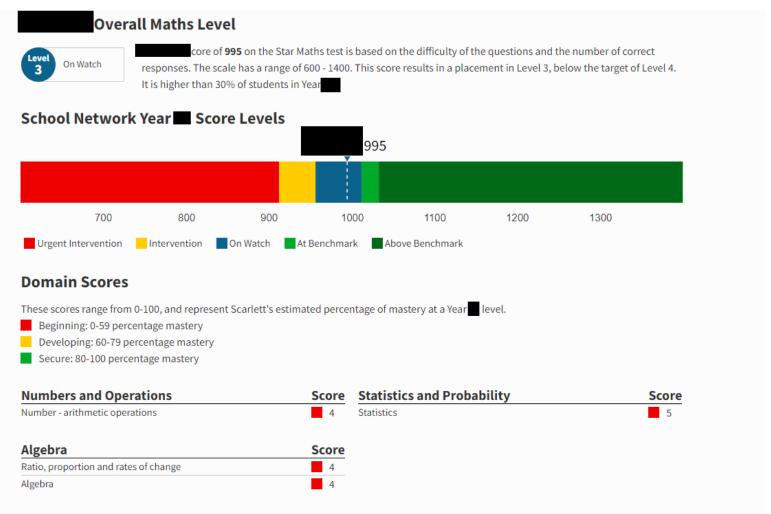


#### Star Reader Report





#### **Star Maths Report**





#### **Feedback on reporting from Forum**

- Consider how for Year 10 and 11, Preparation for Adulthood and life skills (travel training) can be reported on instead of them receiving an EfL learning journal.
- Can flights paths be included in end of Year 9 discussions with parents so that parents can understand the pathway that students will be taking to accreditation.
- KS2 data overview seems to be clear and easy to understand



# OFSTED – What do we need to do to improve?

What has been done so far?

Some parents expressed concerns about the number of staffing changes and the impact this has had on their child's education. Some parents do not think their child is achieving as well as they should. Leaders need to build on the work that has already started to strengthen links with parents so that any concerns raised are dealt with quickly.

Link with the Devon Parent Volunteer
Ambassadors

Parent Forum – half termly rather than termly

Further opportunities being planned for school community events

#### Intervention Description (What needs to be done?) this?)

- -Communication pathways with parents need to be clear and efficient in ensuring that parents are kept updated regarding what is being taught, how this looks for their child and the progress which their child is making.
- -Assessment information which is communicated to parents needs to be accurate and easily understood. Concerns related to progress need to be quickly communicated so that parents are kept updated and informed at all times.
- -Clear communication pathway across SLT and class teachers to ensure that information is consistently communicated.

## **Implementation Activities** (How are you going to do

- -Regular updates to parents regarding whole school activities which keep them updated and informed and provide a voice for parents. -Parent whole school events
- to be increased to celebrate progress made by students.
- -Communication between home and school will provide useful information to parents without impacting on staff wellbeing.
- -Reporting formats to be reviewed to ensure that they provide accurate and supportive information for parents and students.
- -EfL will be reviewed in terms of the information available for parents and how this is accessed.

#### Implementation Outcomes (How well will this be embedded?) **Short Term**

Parent Forum Meetings to be held half termly to keep parents informed on whole school issues. Calendar of whole school parent celebration events will be expanded to ensure that one is held each term Report structure reviewed to ensure that reports use

#### **Medium Term**

supportive rather than judgemental language.

Look at EfL and consider how this can be better used to keep parents informed. Look at the reporting used by other specialist schools to

compare and share best

#### practice. Long Term

Parent surveys and Parent Forum to be used as vehicles to highlight ongoing concerns and improvements.

## Final Outcome (and so what will be the result/Impact?)

Parent surveys will demonstrate that parents feel well informed about the progress of their children.

Communication between home and school will be effective and efficient in keeping parents fully informed.

Whole school events will be clearly planned and used to celebrate pupil outcomes and achievements.



#### **Parent Forum Feedback**

- We discussed the daily communication. In the implementation plan it considers the need to balance good communication with parents and staff wellbeing and workload.
- One parent expressed that they greatly value the daily parent communication but could understand that this is a large workload for teachers.
- Finding SMART ways of communication which both provide parents with valuable information but also which are manageable for staff need to be considered.



## **ADHD**

#### Pathways to diagnosis and support

- One parent shared that their child had received their ADHD diagnosis alongside their Autism diagnosis. Medication was provided to support.
- One parent shared that their child has an Autism assessment and this was identified early. However, she was struggling to re-access paediatrics to look into ADHD, despite the doctor writing 4 letters to request this support.
- One parent shared that she had faced reluctance to diagnose ADHD on top of Autism due to the co morbidity of needs. She had been told that unmet sensory needs can present as ADHD and there is an understandable reluctance to provide controlled medication when a young persons needs might not be fully understood.



## Any other Business

- One parent suggested that the agenda needs to be sent out prior to the meeting so that parents know what is going to be discussed. SG explained that we would ideally be working in a joined up way whereby parents can suggest topics which they would like to be discussed.
- We agreed that perhaps a parent forum email address would be useful, so that parents sent in ideas.
- AG explained that the survey that had been carried out was delayed in being provided to the school, but this could help to identify ways to gain further parental engagement.
- We discussed timings as an issue and a solution might be to have two parent forum meetings held on the same day, one in school and one out of school.