

Riverside Bridge School

Parent Forum Meeting

8th November 2018

Parent Concerns and Complaints	Response
	<p>Riverside Bridge School are currently focusing on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Open communicationMore support for parents/carersPartnership workingQuicker response to queries <p>They are rapidly moving the school forward in line with what happens at Trinity School.</p>
<p>SAFETY Safety going in and out of school foyer Lack of supervision in class resulting in injuries Behaviour Team</p>	<p>100% of staff now trained in de-escalation techniques. There are new waiting areas and staggered times at key transition points such as the playground and the dining hall. This means that the children in different phases never meet. This has settled the behaviour and is less noisy. The playground is now safe and temporary fencing has been put up. New calming rooms have been built, as well as an inclusion room which allows 1:1 learning to take place before reintegration back into the classroom. Meetings have been held with LBBB Transport - currently happy with the procedure at the start and finish of the school day. Behaviour Team formed to monitor the data of incidents. This is made up of a range of staff across the school covering different roles, including Speech and Language. There has been a significant change in behaviour.</p>
<p>STAFFING Staff attitudes to OFSTED Class ratios Staff changes Staff retention Recruitment</p>	<p>There is now a settled staffing structure and long term agency staff to cover absences, who have access to training and participate in after school planning meetings. A HR Officer has been recruited to monitor staff sickness/absence, and staff capability in meeting the Teacher Standards. Trinity staff mentors have observed good teaching. Job adverts are ongoing. The strategy is available in the OFSTED Action Plan. Staff attendance has increased. To retain staff, the teacher workload is being addressed to make it doable. Staff are participating in excellent training at Trinity School, and there is regular access to an Advisory Teacher. But there is still work to do.</p>

<p>COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS</p> <p>Reception not welcoming Hard to contact school Short notice of meetings Home/School book Parent training</p>	<p>There is now a full time receptionist at Riverside Bridge. Can parents/carers please contact school if they have concerns over the classroom environment.</p> <p>Riverside Bridge will continue to report all incidents to parents/carers to ensure transparency.</p> <p>Parents/carers can contact class teachers, Josy Hughes - Safeguarding & Parent Liaison, Ms Cerri - Deputy Headteacher, and Mr Mouskoundi - Headteacher.</p> <p>Parent Forum meetings and coffee mornings will be arranged in advanced.</p> <p>The home/school book has been redeveloped for each phase and strand of the new curriculum. There will be staff training in the next few weeks looking at how to fill out the books more constructively and give enough information about the child's day to parents/carers.</p> <p>Communication has improved, but staff feel like they have a lot to prove. Only teamwork and open communication can resolve this.</p> <p>Riverside Bridge would like to offer training to parents/carers, much the same as Trinity's programme. Trinity staff are willing to train parents in things like 'Puberty', which would be enhanced when a School Nurse is in post.</p> <p>The Speech & Language service may be able to offer training in things like Sensory Integration.</p>
<p>CURRICULUM</p> <p>Accreditation Phase Curriculum changes Access to mainstream links Activities sent home Personal targets Extra-curricular activities EHC Plans</p>	<p>The accreditation phase will be discussed with relevant parents/carers at parents evening.</p> <p>The curriculum has been changed into different strands which parents/carers can find in the front of the new home/school book. The good parts of the old curriculum have been kept, and have been enhanced by Trinity's curriculum.</p> <p>Mainstream links have been agreed with Riverside Secondary School. The agreement with Riverside Primary School is still in progress.</p> <p>Home activities / homework will be addressed.</p> <p>The consistency of techniques between home and school to meet personal targets such as toileting, can be discussed on an individual basis.</p> <p>Extra-curricular activities are being developed and have begun to take place. Activities like swimming are on hold due to efforts being concentrated on safety at school in the first instance.</p> <p>The EHCP annual review calendar has been finalised so that every child will be offered an individual appointment. Each child will have had their speech & language review before their EHCP review.</p>

<p>OFSTED</p> <p>Next visit</p> <p>OFSTED Action Plan</p> <p>Timescales</p>	<p>Unsure of the date of the next visit, but could be before Christmas.</p> <p>There are monthly visits by Governors to monitor the changes - they have already said that the school is a safer and calmer space.</p> <p>A Local Authority rep. has also visited and assessed against OFSTED guidelines. They judged that the school has moved on since the initial inspection, but there is more to do.</p> <p>Partnership Learning have organised a 4 day visit next week as an OFSTED Readiness Review. This will indicate the level of improvements. The outcome will be sent to parents/carers. Parents/carers will have access to the OFSTED Action Plan next week. This explains the strategy and gives timescales for improvement.</p> <p>The aim is to have the school judged as GOOD by July - but this could be dependent on the successful recruitment of teachers.</p>
<p>MISC.</p> <p>Coffee Mornings</p> <p>School Nurse</p>	<p>The school coffee mornings will be separate from the Parent Forum. The next coffee morning will be held on 5th December 2018 (letters will be sent out from school). It will be a MacMillan coffee morning.</p> <p>The NHS has secured funding for a School Nurse to be at Riverside Bridge for 2 days per week. Further details are to be confirmed, but there is a high level of support for this from local councillors.</p>
<p>IMPROVEMENTS</p>	<p>Parents/carers have noticed the improvement in the parking situation.</p> <p>Some parents/carers can see that the school is moving forward.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>To be arranged for December 2018.</p> <p>Letters with the date will be sent out in due course.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Parent Forum meet first, decide what we want the forum to look like and also briefly discuss the 5 areas we are concerned about; safety, staffing, communication with parents, curriculum, and OFSTED. Then a school representative can attend the second half of the meeting to answer any questions and give an update.</p>