

## Attendees:

Fran (Finn)

Ghita (Daniel)

Ana (Senior Family  
Support Worker)

Matthew (Head Teacher)

## Apologies:

Hema (Arav)

Magda (Leon and Max)

## Purpose of Meeting

Regular half-termly forum to gather parent feedback on pupils' experiences.

Opportunity for discussion on improvements, priorities, and school development.

## Key Updates from Previous Meeting

## Key Updates & Actions

### Mental Health Support

Explored support from Place2Be, but they are not yet ready to offer services to special schools.

School has offered to support development of a suitable programme for future access. Potential support would include students, staff, and parents.

### Therapy & Support

Feedback from parents collected on therapy provision.

Meeting planned with therapy leads.

Two therapy drop-in sessions scheduled for next academic year.

### Trips & Activities

Concern raised about equitable access to residential trips. SLT aware and considering improvements.

### Community Events

Summer fair postponed due to heat → rescheduled for late September. Events remain a key part of community engagement.

## Staffing Update

New Family Support Worker (Michelle) appointed (internal promotion).

Will support families, particularly older students (14–19). Role funded through Pupil Premium.

## Heatwave Response

School remained open with optional attendance, which worked well.

Reduced numbers helped manage conditions.

Future improvements - Investment in portable air conditioning units for more classrooms.

## Key Plans for Next Academic Year

Communication Improvements

Dates to be shared early via newsletter.

Aim to develop a shared/calendar system for parents.

## Major Events

Autumn Term:

Meet the Teacher (Sept)

Therapy drop-ins (Nov)  
Alumni pizza night  
Festive disco & enterprise event

Spring Term:  
Parents' evening (Feb)  
Shine performances (before Easter)

Summer Term:  
Therapy drop-ins  
Residential trips  
Sports days (with progression across key stages)  
Curriculum reports (June)  
Alumni BBQ  
Summer fair  
Virtual parents' evening  
Transition afternoon  
Leavers' events

### **Parent Engagement**

Plan to schedule 6 parent forum meetings next year.  
Aim to improve attendance and involve parent governors more consistently.  
Parents encouraged to share ideas for school improvements.

### **Next Meetings**

Tuesday 20 October 2026 (13:30)  
Thursday 10 December 2026 (13:30)  
Wednesday 3 February 2027 (13:30)  
Tuesday 16 March 2027 (13:30)  
Thursday 20 May 2027 (13:30)  
Wednesday 30 June 2027 (13:30)