

Parent Forum – Notes of Meeting

14/5/26

Attendees:

Hema (Arav)	Abdullatif (Ali)	Simarjeet (Hargun)	Fran (Finn)
Lynda (Matthew)	Tayyba (Ali and Yousaf)	Ghita (Daniel)	Leila (Adam)
Ana (Senior Family Support Worker)	Magda (Leon and Max)	Huda (Adam)	Thana (Ward and Majd)
	Charlotte (Eddie)		

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

Parent Questionnaire: Overall very positive feedback; suggestions being considered for development planning.

Shine Events: Upcoming performances to showcase pupils' skills:

- Primary: group performances.
- Secondary: optional talent-style participation.

Mental Health Support:

Limited access to clinical psychology acknowledged.

Exploring partnership with Place2Be for earlier intervention support.

Therapy Drop-ins (OT & SALT):

Mixed feedback; some benefits but issues with follow-up and structure.

Drop-ins seen as useful and informative.

Concerns raised:

- Sessions too short (10 minutes) and sometimes abruptly ended.
- Therapists sometimes unfamiliar with the child beforehand.
- Lack of follow-up communication after sessions.
- Difficulty contacting therapists directly.
- Parents want clearer understanding of therapy plans and how to support at home.

School response:

Therapy model is mostly "universal" (delivered daily by staff, guided by specialists).

Children typically receive 10–12 therapist contacts per year (various formats).

Parents want practical strategies used in school (e.g., behaviour support) to apply at home.

Recognition that combining OT strategies + speech support can improve outcomes.

Trips and Activities (PGL Residential)

Not all pupils attend each trip due to group dynamics and safety planning.

Parents asked if they could attend to support children → school generally said no (focus on independence).

Concerns:

Some parents unaware if their child was offered a place.

Communication about trips needs improving.

Events & Community

Summer Fair (27 June) at Post-16 site – volunteers needed.

Next Meeting

1 July 2026 - Focus: Review of the full academic year and planning ahead.