

## PARENT VOICE MEETING WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

Attendance: HT, 3 Governors (LC, RM, PT), approximately 32 parents/carers

Format:

- Welcome & introduction by Chair of Governors
- Brief explanation of latest changes at Bydales by Head teacher
- Open forum for questions and comments

Matters raised:

1. Over subscription/ cancellation of some enrichment activities
2. Early finish (2.30) of school and pupils safety
3. Use of volunteer parents/carers and students to support pupil learning (Prior Pursglove and other students are looking for voluntary activities to support)
4. Year7 pupils finding Behaviour System difficult to cope with – big change from Primary School
5. Pupils given detention for behaviour off school premises (running across the busy road outside school)
6. New Marske bus: unreliable and difficult positioning of bus stop nearest school.
7. Communication with school staff
8. Letters not arriving home
9. Traffic problems at beginning and end of school day.
10. Less litter round school
11. Improved behaviour in school is supporting improved pupil learning, safety & security
12. Regular and interesting Facebook and Twitter communications by Head Teacher with speedy responses to queries is much appreciated.

Actions to be taken: *(Italics and underlines show where further action is necessary)*

1. Oversubscribed course available next term & regular review of available courses
2. Most pupils following enrichment courses after school. Pupils supervised by staff when arriving at and leaving school.
3. Use of volunteers in school will be followed up
4. Behaviour system is non-negotiable
5. Pupils endangering themselves and others around school will continue to be told about this and punished using the school behaviour system.
6. New Marske bus complaints to be followed up
7. HT to send communication to all parents/carers to explain school roles and responsibilities and how to communicate with the correct staff member to address problems as soon as they arise.
8. When OGAT takes responsibility for school web site all letters will go on this. In meantime letters will be scanned onto Twitter and Facebook.
9. Traffic problems will continue be followed up
10. Staff will model this as they supervise at beginning and end of school day and within the grounds and buildings
11. Behaviour Policy will continue to be enforced rigorously
12. Twitter and Facebook will continue to be used to inform and support the school and wider community.

Parents/carers were thanked for their attendance and input.