



## **Parent Forum**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 9.00am**

This meeting was organised differently to previous parent forum meetings. Parents were invited through newsletter and text. This was to increase the level of parent voice.

**69** parents attended the session.

**The session as led by L. Losada, S. Jeffery and F. Dean.**

### **Welcome and introductions**

- LL warmly welcomed parents and thanked them for attending.

### **Purpose of meeting**

- LL outlined curriculum developments and sharing the four cornerstones:  
Communication and Language  
Aspiration  
City living  
Celebrating diversity

LL outlined how there are over 40 different language spoken at school.

- Parents were given the opportunity to read the SJC pledge – a core entitlement of activities for all our pupils:

Author visits  
Live theatre visit  
Farm visit  
Zoo visit  
Art gallery visit  
Artist visit  
Raft and canoeing experience  
Learning to play a musical experience

- We asked parents about their communities and what they would like to see in our curriculum over the next year or so. Here are some of their ideas:

Visit to the main central library  
Learning first aid  
Visits from ex pupils particularly those who have gone onto university  
Engineering visits  
Continue to celebrate all cultures (Eid, Chinese New Year, Lithuanian pancake day)



Visit from Henshaws (charity for the blind) to help children understand different life experiences

- LL explained that on parent evening, parents will vote for future experiences or activities that they would like to see their children involved in.

As parents leave the parent meetings we will ask for them to take part in a short activity and vote using tokens. There are a number of visual aids to show parents key activities. These range from visiting a mountain to hearing a live orchestra perform. Parents can pop a token in the basket of the events they would value the most for their child. The event is designed to raise the profile of our already rich curriculum and introduce parental voice/aspirations to key educational experiences. We will commit to offer the most popular activities in the year ahead

- Parents were offered the opportunity to look at topic books outlining our curriculum to date.

**Next meeting will be organised next term**