

Below is a summary of points discussed at the academy council meeting this Tuesday.

Year 5 and 6 residential payment

A discussion was held about parent/carer contributions to Y5 and Y6 residential visits. Parents and carers in attendance thought that it was unfair that there were different scales of payment. It was explained that attending a school journey was a valuable experience for all at Old Ford and an important part of the curriculum. The school tries to be fair and takes into account different circumstances and relies on parents and carers to be honest. Suggestions were made that the school should be more robust in collecting payment from parents/carers and that pupils could fundraise to help pay the cost of their residential. The school is reviewing this.

SEND Provision

All pupils at OFPA who have an identified special educational need or disability receive appropriate support. If your child has additional needs and you would like to discuss their provision, please make an appointment at the administration office.

Playgrounds

The KS1 playground has been closed until repairs can be made. We will keep you informed of progress. The Y5 and Y6 playground is now open after a safety inspection.

Gate closures

Thank you to all parents/carers for bringing your children to school on time. Gates will be closed from 9.00am each day to ensure that our pupils are safe. All staff will make sure that pupils are collected at 8.55am to ensure that parents/carers have adequate time to leave the school site.

Fruit

Fruit at playtime is provided free of charge for pupils in reception and KS1. Pupils in other areas of the school are encouraged to bring their own fruit into school to enjoy at playtime.

Communication

A request was made to give notice for all school events well in advance so that parents/carers can plan their time. At OFPA we use a variety of ways to inform parents/carers of events and notices. This includes notices and newsletters, text messages and the school website. Wherever possible, we try to notify parents of

events well in advance of events. We are always looking to improve and welcome suggestions of how we can do this differently.

SRE

Parents/carers at the meeting asked to view the resources used to teach SRE. Every year we hold information meetings before these lessons are taught. These meetings will still take place, as always, in the Spring term. In addition, we will have extra meetings for parents/carers. As requested these will be morning and afternoon sessions on different days for different year groups. These information meetings will take place in the week beginning the 28th November at 9.15am and 3.00pm each day.

28/11/16	29/11/16	30/11/16	1/12/16
YN and YR	Y1 and Y2	Y3 and Y4	Y5 and Y6