

**Minutes of the Parent Forum  
Sturry C of E Primary School  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 14:15**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Action by Who</b>
1.	<b>Welcome/Present</b>	Mrs Jennifer Stokes (chair) Mrs Sam Webb (PSA/minute taker), Caorline Menhennett, Zoe Brear		
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Adam Woodhouse, Nicola Mills, Lisa Attwood, Dennis Nigbur		
3.	<b>Matters Arising from previous minutes</b>	None		
4.	<b>Board of Directors request:</b>	<p>To share the Trust’s vision and gain feedback from the Parent Forum.</p> <p>JS discussed the Trust Vision and shared vision video from the Trust website and emphasised the importance of bringing learning to life. JS spoke about how The Stour Academy Trust recognises that our education system needs to quickly and more radically shift to close equity gaps and to better prepare our young people for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are transforming our schools from passive forms of learning focused on direct instruction and memorisation, by moving towards interactive methods that promote the critical and individual thinking needed in today’s innovation-driven economy. The CEO’s aim is to nurture a community of learners that challenge thinking, where our staff are empowered to take risks and develop their practice to meet the needs of an evolving school system, which is not held back by traditional restrictions and ideologies. JS acknowledged the advancements in technology during lockdown and expressed that these will not be lost, but will be carefully woven into the curriculum in school. One Note is being used for planning and is child led, with the children are accessing One Note for Maths and Science. Pupils still have handwriting books. JS added that classrooms are set up differently, changing the environment to suit all learners. Some pupils may wish to sit in a chair, others may prefer to sit on the carpet or a bean bag.</p>		

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		<p>EYFS learn through play and this is developing into Y1 &amp; Y2. Classrooms are set up differently again, with teachers accessing One Note for their planning then using continuous provision. iPad and role play areas have been set up.</p> <p>CM queried whether children will still receive the appropriate direction in their learning tasks. JS explained that the teachers will still provide the necessary support to all children.</p> <p>CM asked if it was possible for an update of staff photos and job roles to be shared with parents, as many are not aware who their child's new teacher is and what roles everyone plays within the school community.</p> <p>Parent Forum thought it would be beneficial for the parents to see the vision in action.</p>	To be shared at next SLT meeting	J.Stokes
5.	<b>Christian Vision</b>	<p>Gain the views of the Parent Forum on how to engage with the community more</p> <p>CM is an event organiser. SW has suggested that they work together to maybe organise one on a small scale for Christmas.</p> <p>JS suggested that parents could run some after school clubs with the support of a teacher to share a skill they have.</p> <p>ZB suggested enrichment afternoons to perhaps incorporate this with parents once a week or termly.</p>	To be shared at next SLT meeting	J.Stokes
6.	<b>AOB</b>	<p>Look to recruit more parents onto the Parent Forum</p> <p>Parent Forum acknowledged that many parents are discouraged from attending school events, due to their own experiences of school.</p>		S Webb
7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm		