

# **Crowcombe & Stogumber Primary School's Parent Forum**

**9.00am Friday 6 February 2026, Beacon Room, Stogumber**

Present: Mrs Lewis (Headteacher), Mrs Dean (Chair of Governors), Mrs Tisshaw (Admin officer) and 7 parents representing all year groups except year 5

## **1) Home Learning**

It is perceived that there is a barrier to home learning, particularly with reading, and parents were asked for their thoughts on the matter.

Parent thoughts / suggestions were that some children were not enjoying reading, parents don't need another 'battle', busy lives, working parents, time is a barrier.

Discussions included inspiring children to build a further love of learning through storytelling, perhaps an incentive / reward for reading at home and to review books and ensure tailored to the right level and keep interest.

Discussion included emphasising to parents why reading is important and supporting parents by explaining what is expected of them and how they can help. Emphasising that during class time we can only do so much and the impact of reading small amounts with children at home.

Emphasis that reading books to your child increases their vocabulary / audio books help.

## **2) Independent Learning Skills & Expectations**

It's been noticed that there is a considerable lack of manners, especially at lunchtimes, children not being able to sit still, food on the floor. Generally getting worse in the classroom too.

Discussion around sharing this with parents including expectations. A parent suggested that maybe need a run around before lunch and that in KS2 we could consider rotating year group cleaning so all realise implications of messiness.

## **3) Online safety**

School is aware that most children have access to tablets and therefore online material, some of which is age-inappropriate. There are also concerns about the amount of time being spent on devices. Teachers are constantly teaching online safety within curriculum lessons & through assemblies and we have this week had the local PCSO's lead online safety assemblies.

Previously we have held Online Safety Sessions for parents – it was agreed by all that it would be useful to run these sessions again. Discussion around support sessions around setting parental controls and that maybe a parent session by the PCSOs would be of benefit.

A parent did share that information on Gov.uk is useful and we could use the newsletter to have a monthly Online Safety section as the documents shared by school in the past have always been useful.

## **4) School lunches**

Parents were asked for feedback on school lunches as demand is reducing and costs (to school) increasing.

Perception that (at Crowcombe) packed lunch children go out to play sooner – this is not the case. General feedback was that the quality of food is not good enough, highlighting bread in recent school packed lunches, vegetables dry and biscuit hard. Parents aware this is out of the schools control but that quality food with more variety would encourage more parents to order school lunches.

## **5) Parent Voice**

Parents asked if parent voice survey is better on paper or by QR code. Mixed reaction and agreed that at upcoming parents evening both options would be available.

## **6) Parent Feedback / Questions raised**

- Query regarding Screen time in school (Stogumber) and what the children are watching on the screens. Explained that used at the end of the day to ensure calm transition to support those waiting for the second bus for wrap around care. Will speak with staff around this.
- School photos question - is there any way the choice for ordering can be altered, perhaps to offer a small number of photos to purchase. All agreed quality is exceptional.
- Parking: Parents thanked school for taking action with school council regarding parking near Crowcombe to help safety of children. Still some concerns but aware school trying to do all they can.

Mrs Lewis thanked everyone for joining the meeting and will send out information about the Summer Term Parent Forum meeting early in the Summer Term