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Old Sarum Primary School Parent Forum Minutes

Date: September 2026

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Location: School Hall

Welcome and Purpose

The forum opened with a reminder of the purpose of the Parent Forum:

- To share key school developments and priorities.
- To listen to parent views and experiences.
- To discuss ideas for improving school life.
- To celebrate successes and achievements.
- To build a stronger sense of belonging across our community.

Thank you to all parents who attended and contributed to the discussions.

1. Communication

Discussion

Parents highlighted the importance of timely, accurate and consistent communication from the school. Whilst communication was generally viewed positively, some parents felt that messages can occasionally be sporadic or inconsistent.

The school's Facebook page was recognised as a valuable way of sharing information and celebrating successes. However, parents noted that not all families use Facebook and requested that important communications are consistently shared through email as well.



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There was also discussion around whether a regular communication round-up would be useful for families, helping everyone keep track of key messages, upcoming events and achievements.

Parents shared the importance of celebrating children's successes both within and beyond school, helping strengthen links between home and school.

Agreed Actions

- Conduct a parent poll to identify preferred communication methods and determine whether a regular communication round-up would be valued.
- Ensure the school website remains up to date, including the school calendar and published letters.
- Continue to celebrate achievements and successes both in and outside of school.
- Share academic outcomes with parents so they know how the school is doing.

2. Wellbeing and Personal Development

Discussion

Parents discussed children's wellbeing and emotional health. It was noted that not all parents are familiar with the **My Happy Mind** programme and how it supports children in developing resilience, confidence and positive mental wellbeing.

Parents felt a workshop explaining the programme and how families can support the approaches at home would be beneficial.

There was also discussion regarding the PSHE curriculum. Parents expressed an interest in understanding more about what is taught, when topics are covered and how they can continue these conversations with their children at home. Parents welcomed additional guidance and resources to support difficult or sensitive conversations.



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Agreed Actions

- Share safeguarding information and support materials with parents.
- Provide signposting and guidance for having difficult conversations with children.
- Organise a parent workshop focusing on the use of My Happy Mind within school.

3. Parking and Site Safety

Discussion

Parents raised concerns regarding parking around the school site, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times.

It was noted that some trees and hedges have become overgrown, reducing visibility of road signage. Parents felt this contributes to parking difficulties and could create safety concerns for children and families accessing the school.

Agreed Actions

- Send reminders to parents about safe and considerate parking.
- Review areas where hedges and vegetation require cutting back to improve visibility.
- Contact the local PCSO to discuss opportunities for support and occasional patrols around key times.

Closing Remarks

The school would like to thank all parents who attended and shared their views. The feedback received will help inform future developments and strengthen our partnership with families.



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A summary of actions will be monitored and updates will be shared with parents through future communications and Parent Forums.