

## Rivers Academy Parent Forum

**Date** 20.10.22

**Focus Group:** Year 7 Parents

**Topic:** Reflections on Transition

Topic	Notes	Actions/follow up
How has your child settled in?	<p>Settled in well in Maths- didn't enjoy maths at primary but really enjoying it at secondary, grown in confidence</p> <p>My child is very shy and needs support to make friends and has received this</p> <p>Extra curricular programme is good - one parent did not know that they were not charged for</p>	<p>TWO to contact HMC about Friends for Life programme for some of the children</p> <p>Next communication to parents about extra curricular activities to mention that activities are free</p>
Communication	<p>Communication is good - get emails regularly from school and they seem to cover what we need</p> <p>Being able to email teachers directly is really helpful</p> <p>Got a phone call from Ms Marshall in the first week of school as a good phone call home. Really made a difference to have a good phone call home</p> <p>Mrs Shaw is excellent. Always available to help and look after the children and really helps make the children feel welcome and solves problems for the parents</p>	
Uniform	<p>Uniform has been good to get hold of. Could the school sell uniform items like ties that are often lost as Twickenham is a long way to go to get a replacement tie?</p> <p>Can be quite expensive. Can we get it cheaper elsewhere?</p>	<p>Explore option of selling ties through school office</p> <p>Resend letter to parents highlighting support with purchasing uniform and second hand uniform options</p>

School meals	<p>Child is a picky eater, does not like a lot of food so not being able to see the menu has been challenging. At primary we would sit down and talk through the menu before so we would know what she would be eating the night before.</p> <p>Can we get the menu on School Gateway app?</p>	TWO to liaise with Canteen to publish menu electronically
Homework	<p>Sparx maths - like it but it does take a long time to do (about an hour with explanations).</p> <p>Homework- is about right. Child was asked to redo History homework; the parent was unsure of the benefit.</p> <p>PE homework set on Google Classroom has been ok</p>	<p>Make parents aware of Maths homework club - not all parents were aware</p> <p>Follow up with History team for specific reasons</p> <p>Could the homework timetable be reshared?</p>
Any problems?	<p>At the top of Tachbrook Road near the church the kids can just walk straight out in front of you. We need to walk out</p>	Communication with parents about crossing the road and safety on the way home to be included in Academy letter

