

Hillside Family Forum Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting:	Friday 21 st September 2018
Topic:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum Developments at Hillside, a Specialist School <div style="text-align: center;">The BRAVE Curriculum</div> 2. Evisense 3. Annual Review Process Family Views Forms 4. Opportunities for families to be involved in School Life
Number of family members in attendance:	26
Details of discussions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The BRAVE Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B - Bold R - Reflective A - Aspirational V - Valuable E - Engaging <p>The Curriculum is now following a different model rather than being traditional subjects, the lessons are based on five core areas of learning:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and Language Physical Development Personal and Social Development Knowledge and Understanding of The World Creative Arts <p>The families had time to explore the recently re-modelled curriculum and ask questions.</p> <p>The individual pupil targets will be pasted into Home/School Communication Books so that learning at home can be recorded and shared with school.</p>

2. Evisense, an App (GDPR compliant) which can link school and home so that photographs of the pupils activities in school day may be shared.

Letters detailing the use of the App and asking for consent have been sent home. We look forward to sharing your child's school activities with you in more detail than has been possible in the past.

Technology use should not be a bar to participation and IT workshops were requested. We are looking into this and workshops will be arranged for during the school day. Families will be advised once something has been agreed.

3. Families were able to look at the new Family Views Forms which will be sent home prior to your child's Annual Review.

4. The following opportunities to be involved in school life were highlighted:-

Family Forum - families get together in the school day we usually have updates and invited speakers with time for families to chat over a drink and biscuits sharing their skills and experiences.

Headteacher Surgeries - come and talk to Michelle.

Class Assemblies - you are most welcome to attend. Dates have been sent out in advance.

Volunteering - help is always appreciated especially with trips and visits. All volunteers will need to complete an application process which includes a DBS check.

Parents and Friends of Hillside - this is a fundraising charity which raises funds for the school benefitting your child.

Everyone is a member if their child attends Hillside and we welcome your support, participation and ideas.

The next Family Forum meeting is 21st November 2018.

We have annual events that families are welcome to attend.

Christmas Performance 18th December 2018.

Hillside Has Talent 4th April 2019.

	<p>Sports Day 10th July 2019.</p> <p>Open Days – Would families be interested in seeing us in action? Dates can be arranged</p>
Feedback received:	<p>A very positive response.</p> <p>Thank you for such a fantastic turn out.</p> <p>Families were consulted about whether an Open Day would be disruptive for their child and 70% thought it would not.</p> <p>Families requested that the school photographs be taken prior to Christmas so that they could be given out as presents. Some queried the quality of the previous year's photographs.</p> <p>Families have started a Facebook group - Hillside Mummies and Daddies.</p>