



SHIP Minutes

November 2023

Attendees:

Miss Relph (Vice Principal)

Mrs Deeks (Principal)

Mr Forrester (will be our new Vice Principal from January 2024)

Miss Stabler (Assistant Principal & Senior Mental Health Lead)

Ms Walter (Head of PD)

Miss Shaw (PP coordinator and Senior Mental Health Lead)

Selection of parents from across year groups

Agenda:

- Any questions answered
- RSHE education at WLA
- Mental Health and Wellbeing presentation at WLA
- Any further questions and A.O.B

Any questions

1. Question around SEND training and internal processes for SEND pupils. The question also linked to the communication around SEND.
- The academy confirmed that all staff received autism awareness training during the INSET in September which was led by the Local Authority specialist advisory teacher. We will be doing the second part in due course later in the year. Our SEND team have received further specialist training in terms of other areas of SEND. All of the pastoral team have received SEMH training which is an increasing need at the

academy post pandemic. Some of our pastoral team are about to visit a SEMH school in Yorkshire on Friday to look at what this setting does and what we can bring back to WLA

- The academy confirmed that it had introduced a separate parent forum for SEND this year and will continue to host these groups throughout the academic year. SEND information is shared and regularly updated from Mr Woodcock our SENDco to teaching staff. SEND audit is due to take place in January.

2. Timing of SHIP meetings

Discussion around the timing of SHIP meetings and could these possibly be later. Group decided to try 5-6pm next time at our next week.

ACTION: Next meeting to be 5-6pm.

3. Arrangements for lunchtimes

The academy confirmed that all students have 30 minutes for lunch and that there are a number of different serving counters in the canteen area.

ACTION:

Student council to look at social times as a project and come back to us about how we can make this better for the student population.

RSHE curriculum:

- Ms Walter gave a presentation to parents about the RSHE curriculum. See attached slides for content.
- Ms Walter outlined the PD curriculum and how we teach RSHE.
- Ms Walter shared parental information and support they can access. She was clear with parents we consult on the SRE policy.

Mental Health and Wellbeing update:

- The academy confirmed Miss Shaw and Miss Stabler are our designated Senior Mental Health Leads in the academy and what this role entails
 - Both staff discussed the role of student voice in our provision
 - Miss Shaw outlined our new platform 'Bounce' and how we will be capturing student views about their mental health more.
- ACTION: Miss Shaw and Miss Stabler to come back to SHIP with updates on student mental health and wellbeing and how students are feeling.