

# Hemblington Primary School

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## Parent Forum Minutes - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 08.45 - 19 am

Present: Mrs Norgate, Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Ringwood and Mrs Wood. Email representation: Mrs Schubert and Mrs Thornton.

The parent forum met on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. There was representation from the majority of year groups either face to face or via email.

Discussions took place around the quality of school meals since Aspens took over. Mrs Norgate confirmed there had been some teething problems, but following meetings with the Trust and Aspens things were improving. A new menu has been drawn up which hopefully will be available from January. It should include the return of weekly roasts, pizza without bbq sauce and other favourites.

Concern was raised about the lower school needing more encouragement to drink water during the day. Mrs Norgate confirmed she would feed this back to staff.

Parents of younger children also reported that they were not eating their packed lunch. Mrs Norgate agreed to ask the Midday Supervisors to remind children to eat most if not all of their lunch.

Parents asked if a different photographer could be used for future school photos. Mrs Norgate said she would ask Mrs Gant to organise this. Suggestions of companies on Vancols (as used by Thorpe St. Andrew High School and Dussindale) or Memories to treasure.

Mrs Norgate confirmed the new chess sets had arrived and that Mrs Goodson and Mrs Swift will be running the club during this academic year.

Now the colder weather is upon parents of children in the younger classes asked if that their coats were done up before leaving the classroom at the end of the day. Mrs Norgate agreed to feed this back to staff.

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Parents gave positive feedback on the family learning sessions. There was a request to hold them on different days for working parents and this will be considered moving forward.

Given the business of Mill Road and Woodbastwick Road at the start and end of the school day, parents asked if children could have road safety awareness taught. Mrs Norgate agreed to ask Mrs Gant to look into this and also shared if they have significant concerns about road safety to email them to [roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk)