**Minutes of Working Together Group- 14.7.16**

Attendance:

Clare Rushworth (Deputy Head/SENDCo)

Liz Woods (TA, son in year 3, daughter in reception)

Emma Heath (sons in year 5 and year 2)

Catherine Armstrong (son in reception)

Rachel Thomas-Prasad (son in year 3 and daughter in year 1)

Stef Duncan (daughters in year 5 and reception)

Paula Thompson (daughter in year 6, son in year 4)

Apologies from Kelly Emmerson, Maria Lloyd, Lucy Hulmes, Anne Jenkins

CR handed out the minutes from the last meeting for everyone to read, if they had not seen it on the website. She was able to explain what work had been done towards the next steps.

**Next steps**

1. Explanation of all that the school does to meet the needs of all of the children.

**CR explained that after discussing this with DE, we are going to make this a focus on the inset day in September and want to get the children involved eg: by producing video clips and putting them onto the school website.**

1. Parent questionnaire to find out their views on Education City.

**A questionnaire was sent out to the parents and there were 3 responses: 2 negative and 1 positive. CR explained that homework and the questionnaire were discussed in a staff meeting and it was decided that we are going back to a homework book, with 1 maths or 1 literacy activity a week. SD asked the question if this was the same for all ages. CR explained that it was but that R and year 1 would be getting more game type maths activities. The list of topic homework would stay the same with 1 activity needing to be completed over the topic period.**

1. Reminders of what can be found on the website, put onto the schools newsletter periodically.

**CR explained that she hoped that everyone had seen more references to the school website on the newsletters.**

The task today was to continue going over the remaining questions in the parent questionnaire.

**I believe the school provides a broad range of extra-curricular activities.**

**I believe the school welcomes parental involvement.**

**I believe that the school is well led.**

**I believe the school has a good ‘atmosphere/feel’.**

All these questions were answered with satisfactory percentages.

**I understand the role and responsibility of the governing body.**

The percentages for this have been passed onto the governing body.

**Should school publish photographs of children on twitter to allow parents an insight into their child’s daily life?**

It was discussed how the privacy on twitter was open. It was suggested that Twitter was added to the ‘list of activities letter’ that parents allow.

After discussing all the questions, CR asked if anything else had been brought up by any parent. The following were brought up:

1)Children were losing their jumpers as they were leaving them on the field/playground in the hot weather. A suggestion was made to provide a tub for children to put them in. This wasn’t agreed by everyone so CR will take this to a staff meeting to discuss.

2)Head lice are an issue. The following suggestions were made:

Reminders to be put on newsletters to check hair and advice to be given. It was mentioned that there are clips on You Tube. The question was raised whether the parents of the reception children were still given a comb.

**Actions**

1. CR to ask staff on their views of jumpers being lost and tubs to be provided.
2. CR to enquire whether the parents of reception children receive a free head lice comb.

**Next meeting**

To be held towards the end of the 1st half term. It will be open to all parents and carers.