

March 12th 2008

Redmile Church of England Primary School

Parent Forum

Present: K. Fixter, K.Hughes, F Taylor, K.Mehra, J. Hopkins (Head teacher)
Apologies: L. Herring



Home School Agreement	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compared our current Agreement with samples from other schools• Agreed that a more 'friendly' (less formal) format was preferred• Agreed that the samples which gave a feeling of the ethos of the school, e.g. happy, friendly, caring, were preferred, so we would try to do this ours at the next meeting• Decided that the Mission Statement should be included, although the actual statement itself would be reviewed at a later date with all stakeholders• Discussed the wording of the 'Family' section. Agreed that a new category, combining parents and school, should be created; agreed on 'Together we will...' From this, some statements have been re-worded• Mrs Hopkins agreed to type-up the 'new' agreement and bring to the next meeting for final editing	<p>Parent Forum</p> <p>J. Hopkins</p>
<p>Swimming Discussed swimming and options for next September:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keep things as they are (Y1-5 swimming for 30 mins each week throughout the year)2. Swim for 30 mins but for two terms only3. Swim for 45 mins over a continuous block of 14 weeks (Swimming Instructors preference) <p>Some of the points discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option 1 is particularly beneficial as it provides regular practise, fitness/stamina levels are maintained (especially for those who don't swim out of school hours), prepares pupils for the Y3+ swimming gala against other schools• Option 2 would free up some of the time spent in travelling for other sports and activities back in school; could avoid swimming during the cold months or alternatively, could have more outdoor/field sports during the summer term• Option 3 would particularly benefit 'swimmers' (as opposed to the non-swimmers), as they will have time to consolidate and practise within a lesson; would improve stamina levels further; less time spent in travelling allowing for other sports and activities in school; could be tiring to start with for the Year 1 children (could swim later in the year instead of straight away in the autumn); we would need to leave school at 8.45am (children would be registered on the bus rather than in the classroom), so Redmile children and those travelling in cars would get straight on the bus when it arrives (late-arrivals would miss swimming??) <p>The Forum decided to ask for views of other parents (disappointment was expressed that only a few were able to attend today). It was agreed that feedback should be requested via the weekly newsletter. No significant difference to costs.</p>	<p>J. Hopkins</p>

J.V.Hopkins

