



Pleckgate Parent Partnership

Thank you to all parents for attending the meeting on 20th October 2022. Here are some key points discussed and actions taken.

Parent's asked....	We listened....
What is the purpose of the partnership?	The partnership will develop stronger links between parents, school and the pupils. The idea is to allow parents access to a forum where they can have a voice and as a school we can hear and learn about a parent's experience of Pleckgate. This will help us to grow and develop as a school. The forum will have an agenda, which parents can contribute to for each meeting.
SIMS Parent App – Is it successful?	SIMS parent app is a very useful tool to use in keeping parents updated about their child attendance, behaviour and rewards for example. Many parents/carers use this already. Our school website will soon have more information about the SIMS parent app that parents can refer to for further information.
Enrichment – What opportunities to pupils have outside the classroom at Pleckgate?	The group talked about enrichment experiences in school. The senior prefects spoke at the start about opportunities they have had at Pleckgate for example Duke of Edinburgh Award, sport and music. Every opportunity is linked with a reward or educational experience, throughout school and all pupils have the opportunity to be involved in enrichment, visits, clubs or extra-curricular activities.
Life Skills – Do children at Pleckgate develop life skills as well as academic ability? Topics such as money management, cooking, leadership etc.	Yes! We really strive for pupils to develop life skills. The PSHE curriculum covers 'living in the wider world' which looks at various topics including money management. Skills such as leadership and teamwork are developed through the curriculum in subjects such as Physical Education. These skills are also complimented in teaching strategies around school in various subjects through classroom activities. Pupils in all years have the opportunity to cook in technology.
How does school educate on the dangers of smoking and vaping?	Pleckgate has a very strong assembly programme which delivers important information for all pupils including safety, responsibility and health. We also have a rigorous tutor time programme which covers many topical issues. Our PSHE programme again covers a lot of topical issues, educating the pupils on the dangers and health implications of such activities. We also organise specialist teams to speak with pupils in assemblies on mental health, healthy eating and staying safe online.
Reports and exam timetables – Can the dates of these be shared with parents?	All curriculum information is shared on the school website. All exam schedules and timetables will be shared with parents and pupils in advance both internal and external examinations.