



Parents Support Group 25/09/18 - Synopsis.

Workshop: Coffee Morning/ MacMillan fund raising event

- 26 parents attended the session, Chair of governors, parent governor and 1 governor attended for the last part of the session.
- 2 representatives from DPV (Doncaster Parents Voice), 1 representative from J&D activities, 1 representative from travel training (Doncaster Council).
- Various speakers from other professions within school, speech & communication, OT, participation and transition service (PATS).
- Analysis from Feedback as follows;
- 15 feedback questionnaires completed.

Did you find the session useful?

- All 15 stated they found the session useful and made the following comments;
- I have learnt a lot. Found out new information.
- Warm and pleasing reception, very welcoming.
- Finding out what there is outside of school for our children.
- All the speakers were really informative
- Lots of useful information.
- Nice to see what services are available.
- Good to meet other parents.
- Allowed me the opportunity to know what's out there.
- It was very useful for parents/carers to meet and share experiences. It was good to see so many different services represented to present to parents.

What aspects of the session did you find useful?

- I found the whole morning useful and heard about some services that I did not know existed – e.g. service promoting independent travel.
- The introduction to various services.
- Extra services available.
- Nice to meet staff in school and break the ice.
- Meeting other parents.
- All information provided.
- Out of school support information.

- All, especially the different service providers.
- The travel information.
- Speaking with other parents in a similar situation.
- All aspects of the morning answered a lot of questions.
- Knowing my child will have help when he is older and leaves school.
- For extra support from outside help.
- Useful to hear about outside services and parent support groups.
- Everything.

Will you attend further parenting support groups?

- All 15 stated they would attend future sessions.
- Yes always. Finding out about future plans before my child leaves school.
- Very happy to attend.
- It is good to have these listed in advance.

Was the time convenient to you?

- They all indicated the time was convenient.
- Any time is convenient for me generally, although I am unable to attend on any Monday.
- 10:00 is an ideal time.
- I would prefer evening after school.
- Anytime.
- Morning sessions.

Do you require any additional support for your child/family? What are the issues and what support do you need?

- I still have a lot to learn because I have a child and he is autistic.
- OT might be useful for my child. Struggles with shoe laces and buttons.
- Reading for extra support. Difficulty fastening buttons and shoe laces.
- No thank you. Not at the moment.
- Referral to support services to overcome his phobia for animals.
- Continence information.
- Would like someone to talk to my daughter (brother is autistic). She is struggling with seemingly why he gets more attention.

Any Other Comments

- Be nice to meet parents from some year group/class.

- Would be useful to have half termly support/networking sessions for parents (coffee mornings to raise money for school).
- The morning was well attended. All the guest speakers had a lot of answers that parents needed to hear. Thank you Jackie for organising this coffee morning, it was good for all that attended.
- As always finding we are not alone, that there are other families that have a child that needs support.
- Good coffee morning and meeting. Mixing with others who have the same/similar needs for their children. Thank you.
- Thank you very much to Jackie for organising this event with so many people introducing the different services available. It was pleasing to see so many parents/carers present.
- Lovely cake. Nice to meet other parents.

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