

The Beacon Parent/Carer Forum- Tuesday 28th March 2023

Focus: After School Clubs

Attendees

Alison Cole – Head of School

Julie Howell- Safeguarding/ MAST Lead

Gwen Grynfeld – Communications Coordinator

Parents/Carers x 6

Notes

1. The current After School Club timetable runs Monday-Friday but Parents/Carers have been told these are structured sessions. There currently isn't anything for Year 6 and up that is more relaxed for students with more complex needs.
2. There are currently a lot of Sports Clubs and there was demand from Parents/Carers for more After School Clubs aimed at girls. (Drama, Hairdressing and Nails were mentioned in particular.)
3. Staffing is an issue. Particularly for students needing 1-1 or 2-1. As a school, staffing is one of our main costs and we currently don't have the capacity to run any more or have more staff on each After-School Club.
4. There was demand for a Parent Forum/Coffee Morning hybrid.
5. There was lots of demand for having After School Clubs on rotation as a way to have more of a variety on offer, whilst keeping staffing the same.
6. Demand from Parents/Carers for more updates about Events coming up, particularly by text. Parents/Carers find it hard to find resources and activities appropriate for students outside of school and there was demand for a central place to access and share resources.
7. Resources mentioned in the session included:
 - a. Fun for All
 - b. The Autistic Gardener
 - c. Spectrum Holidays
 - d. SEN Inflate and Play (It no longer exists because there wasn't enough perceived demand, however perhaps there's something similar.)
 - e. Kids Planet

Actions

- **Ali** to speak to Taomi and Sandy Walters regarding the activities currently on offer and if it would be possible to have a rotation.
- **Julie** to send Gwen all the resources she mentioned in the session so they can be posted to the Facebook and website.
- **Gwen** to:
 - o Create an Events section with a calendar on the website if possible.
 - o Update the noticeboard with events coming up.
 - o Keep updating the Facebook and website with events coming up.
 - o Send more text updates out about events coming up.