**Record of Parents’ Forum, 28/09/2016**

**Present:** Rupert Griffiths (Headteacher)

Katy Haxby (Co-Chair of Governors / Parent)

Helen Foreman (Governor / staff member)

Christine Packer (City of York Council Travel Plan Officer)

Louise Turner (Parent)

Jo Saunders (Parent)

John MacCleary (Parent)

Leyla Seeney (Parent)

Griselda Goldsborough (Parent)

Mr Griffiths explained that he had called the meeting in response to continuing concerns raised by staff, parents and governors over unsafe / inconsiderate use of the school car park. The main concern was for the safety of children, which was being put at risk by some parents. He also said that the issue was wider than just the use of the car park, but was about how children travelled to school and ensuring they could do this safely.

The school wanted to work with parents to find a solution and this was an opportunity for share their experiences and any ideas.

**Key points discussed**:

* Parking is a problem in most schools in York, but most do not have car parks for use by parents so problems are on streets. All agreed we do not want to just create similar problems in the streets around school
* Problems in the car park are mainly caused by a small number of inconsiderate ‘repeat offenders’
* Changes to Fulford School school day have increased traffic problems at end of day, especially in Fulfordgate area
* Some parents concerned about allowing children to walk to school due to perceived unsafe local environment
* Some parents need to use cars to enable them to get to/from work
* Impact on health of poor air quality in Fulford area due to traffic
* Parking in disabled bays
* Difficulties for school in policing car park (lack of time, staff being subjected to abuse)
* Ideas that have worked well in other schools:

- ‘rewards’ for pupils who walk / cycle

- Parent-led Travel Working Group

**Possible Ideas for future consideration:**

* ‘Walking buddies’ scheme to encourage parents to allow children to walk to school – CP can help with ‘post code plotting’
* Regular ‘no-car’ days
* ‘Park and stride’ scheme (parking site away from school needed)
* Additional signage (disabled bays / pupil-designed)
* Priority parking system
* ‘Pick up and go’ area so that parents can collect children without needing to park

**Actions:**

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| **Action** | **Who?** | **When?** |
| Circulate record of meeting to all parents | RG | Asap |
| Take photos of inconsiderate / unsafe use of car park | RG & School Council | Ongoing |
| Continue to issue ‘parking tickets’ to offenders | School staff / School Council | Ongoing |
| Survey parents re travel to school to find out why they travel by car etc. | Parent volunteers + pupils (CP to send RG sample survey) | After Walk to School Week |
| Investigate removal of ‘drop-off’ zone outside school | RG / Sewell | asap |
| Parents to be reminded about School Parking Pledge | RG | Walk to School Week  (10-14 Oct) |
| Carry out ‘postcode plotting’ for possible walking buddies scheme | CP | asap |
| Investigate possibility of St Oswald’s pupils taking part in York University air quality monitoring project | CP | asap |
| Investigate possibility of school crossing patrol /cycle paths on Heslington Lane | CP | asap |
| Include all attendees in mailing list for future meetings / involvement | RG |  |