

## Parent Engagement Group meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Attendees:** Sara, Fahil 5 Huda R356, Ismail 54, Sarha 46, Katua 24, Bashir 632R, Tukan 43, Stella R, Miriam 163, Fadua 1R, Muanda 643, Leen 6, Halima 6, Ferdus 5, Nareen 2, Muan R46, Ayan, Caroline, Hudus 641, Dekka 2, Raal R25, Yvonne, Mrs Holian + 6 latecomers.  
Total: 25 parents representing at least 60 children

Number of children in each year group represented by their parents/carers:

Reception 6

Yr1 4

Yr2 5

Yr3 5

Yr4 7

Yr5 5

Yr6 9

### Visitors

Sara Turril from Imayla – based at St Pauls Learning Center, run activities for 7-12 and 12-16 year olds. These are year long activities taking children to countryside, Forest School, arts, visiting places in Bristol. Applications are open soon. They are also available to bring craft activities to community events. Sara supports the families to access arts in Bristol eg theatre, wildlife trust, zoo etc.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November – family walk to SS Great Britain

Imalya are also looking for volunteers to help taking children to events, local activities eg ScrapStore

Activities are advertised on the Facebook group and website

Lots of free things for families

Drop into the St Pauls Learning Centre between Tuesday to Friday 9-5pm to find out more

Yvonne Young from St Pauls Children's Centre – support with young children. Run courses – ESOL start in January, Paediatric First Aid 6<sup>th</sup> November Wednesdays + creche 9.30-11, Cookery Mon from 4<sup>th</sup> November at Bannerman Road Children's Centre. Lots of groups and courses, including parenting classes and volunteering courses and return to work. Drop into Children Centre to find out more.

Caroline & Ayan St Pauls Advice Centre. Helping people to complete applications for settled status in the UK after Brexit. Straightforward but the Advice Centre can offer help and support. There is another year or 18months to apply. Debt, immigration, benefit advice.

They are working on a new project which would like to recruit, particularly, Somali women to train to help people fill in benefit forms.

### Parent Survey

16 responses:

Somali female 12 male 1

Mixed White/African female 1  
African female 1  
White male 1

**Their children are from:**

R 4  
Yr1 4  
Yr2 3  
Yr3 7  
Yr4 3  
Yr5 10  
Yr6 4

**Like**

Good education 8  
Good teachers/ Lovely staff 5  
Close to home 4  
Safe 3  
Good communication 3  
Behaviour 2  
Improvement in teaching 1  
Management 1  
Equality between children 1

**Improve**

Homework 7  
Nothing 4  
More coffee mornings 2  
More parent courses 1  
Behaviour 1  
More communication between parents and teachers 1

Homework - 2 parents think there should be more homework, eg writing in Yr1. Mrs Holian emphasized that you need to ask the teacher if you think your child needs more support, they will be happy to meet and discuss your children with you. Maths be careful with workbooks and tutors as they may not use the same methods of calculation.

Coffee mornings and courses – no suggestions – see Caroline if you have any.

Behaviour – some issues with bullying new children. Need to celebrate differences and welcome people into the school. Parents need to give children the same message about respecting others and celebrating differences.