



**Parents Forum
05.04.2017**

Representatives from the Academy: J. Johnson – Principal
S. McCabe

	<p><u>Welcomes and Introductions</u></p> <p>S. McCabe and J. Johnson introduced themselves</p> <p>Previous minutes were shared and access via the academy website was noted.</p>
	<p><u>Parents Handbook</u></p> <p>The idea with this was to have a working document from parents for parents. We thought it may be of use for current parents to share information, advice and tips to future parents.</p> <p>When opened for discussion it was agreed that parents feel this would have a greater impact if it was carried out face to face. It was noted that this may be included in the year 6 transition evening on the 5th July.</p> <p>If parents are willing to share their thoughts and experiences with other parents at the event on the 5th July please contact Sophie McCabe mccabes@westlakesacademy.org.uk</p>
	<p><u>Adolescent Mental Health</u></p> <p>Information was shared in relation to this.</p> <p>Resources for parents were shared and some strategies we use in the academy were discussed. Please see the slides which accompany these minutes for further information.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact the academy and discuss any concerns. Contact your child's head of year.</p>

	<p><u>Admissions</u></p> <p>Our current position was clarified. Individual cases were not discussed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the policy for admissions 2018 is already set, but we do consult annually about our admissions policy.</p> <p>It was noted that some comments on social media are very upsetting and very negative about WLA.</p> <p>We do not wish to be in this position and have increased our admission numbers to 210, from 180. This is the maximum we can accommodate based on capacity and the ability to deliver and meet our high standards.</p>
	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>The importance and value of attendance was discussed. A reminder on policy and procedures for absence and some information regarding the impact of absence was shared.</p>
	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demolition of the swimming pool and ownership of the land - It was stated that strategic plans are being formed in relation to this space.• Ofsted feedback – J. Johnson confirmed that the outcome is/was embargoed at the time of the meeting. Some of the verbal feedback was shared and this will be on the website westlakesacademy.org.uk, with the official report.
