

Notes from Parents' Forum Meeting - Thursday 26 January 2023

Notes taken from the meeting and via e-mail responses sent to parents@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

Aim of the meeting:

1. To share and discuss existing approaches to reading across the curriculum.
2. To prepare for the next Parents' Forum meeting, opening a discussion around student wellbeing

Reading

- **EQUIPS:** Poster now available on the [Parents' Forum page](#) of the website. EQUIPS was launched across the school during the Autumn Term.
- **SORA:** An app for eBooks and audio books; this app is offered to all students via their iPads.
- **DEAR:** Drop Everything and Read presentation on the [Parents' Forum page](#). Great success across the school in January.

Wellbeing

The following notes reflect an opening conversation around the breadth of student wellbeing.

- Always been important but impacting more children now
- Differing levels:
 - Mental wellbeing
 - Self-esteem
 - Sense of self
 - Self-worth
 - Inclusion
 - Diversity
 - Attendance
 - Ability to access due to mental ill health
- Do parents/carers know what is available?
- Positive impact of our Educational Support Team (EST) but do all parents/carers know who to contact?
- Preventative measures

Questions to explore in the next Parents' Forum meeting:

- How are our children feeling?
- What has COVID changed for our children?
- What are parents/carers facing?
- What can parents/carers do to feed into prevention?
- Opportunity for TIS (Truma informed support) for parents/carer.