

# Parent Forum 1st July 2011

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Present: Mrs Whittington, Mr Baskerville, Mrs McCall, Mrs Wright, Mrs Crouch, Mrs Queshi, Mrs Robinson

Apologies: Mrs Hart, Mrs Nash, Mrs Lewis

1. Please could Mothers keep an eye on their toddlers at the end of the day as they can cause problems. This is a comment from another parent.
2. [Regarding a resolution mentioned in the newspaper article in the Telegraph re wireless technology.](#)

The school is mostly wired but some items are wireless which is used occasionally. Burford School has less wireless than most schools.

3. [Is it possible to put shade on the playground please?](#)

There is shade available for the children at playtime. There is shade under the shelters and trees. The school does strongly advise sunhats.

4. ['What is the school policy on children wearing ties in hot weather? Can children please be excused from wearing them when it is hot. I do know of some schools, including secondary grammar schools, who are happy to release children from this obligation'](#)

The children should wear ties to school but the school will decide if the children can remove their ties on hot days.

5. [Some parents rely on after school clubs as part of child care arrangements and they should not be cancelled last minute without warning](#)

The school tries not to cancel clubs but if the weather is bad/providers not available, then it can't be helped. However, there is always a member of staff in school until all clubs have finished.

6. [There have been rumours that some classes may have the same teacher for two years running - could this be clarified? I have personally been really happy with all of the teachers that my children have had, but at the end of each year, they look forward to the prospect of a new challenge and a new teacher. Had they not been happy with a particular teacher, the prospect of two years would be disheartening \(for the teacher as well as the child!\)](#)

Sometimes it does happen that a teacher has a class for 2 years. This is decided at the time depending on the mix of children and looking at what is best for the majority.

7. [Water Bottles on desks.](#)

There is no differentiation between school water bottles and others. It is better if they are clear as then teachers can ensure that water is in them.

8. [Children's right to choose classes when they are mixed up.](#)

See May's minutes. The majority of parents wanted the teachers to choose the classes.

9. [When choir go on 'tour' the remaining children have lots of free time and don't continue with their classes](#)

Mrs Whittington will investigate.

10. [Lunchtimes for Year 6: not having enough time to eat lunch, sitting on the stage and made to feel 'bad' that they are there whilst clearing up.](#)

Mrs Whittington will investigate. A table will be set aside for children at lunchtime clubs etc. A list of clubs will be given to the lunchtime supervisors.

11. [Maths Groups. Can there be 3 maths groups in years 5 & 6? Children are falling through the cracks](#)

In September, Mr Baskerville will be taking extra Maths sessions with some children in Years 5 and 6.

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