

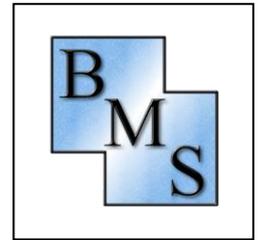


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Dear parents and carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

I am writing to inform you that there will shortly be an opportunity to come in and meet teachers. The format will be slightly different to previous parents evenings.

As you may be aware, I asked for feedback from parents in the summer term and also held parents forums to discuss how to make the parents evenings more meaningful and manageable. We have taken your comments on board and have tried to improve the way we are communicating with you in general, not just around reporting and parents evenings.

Regular communication with you and the form tutor, we feel, is a great way to keep lines of communication open and hopefully address any issues at an early stage. I hope you are finding these regular contacts helpful.

In addition to this we are going to try a new format for parents evenings taking on board your comments, concerns and suggestions. The process will take the following format:

- You will receive a mid-year report in advance with information about attainment, progress and behaviours for learning. At this point you will also receive information regarding what Age Related Expectation looks like for your child's age.
- There will be a 'book look' evening on the 23rd January from 3.15pm until 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to come in and look at your child's learning in their books. Teachers will be available throughout the entire evening. There will be no fixed appointments but teachers will be available for brief conversations and discussions regarding the content of the learning in the books or any concerns raised from the report.
- Following this evening, if you feel it is necessary to have a more formal, personal or in-depth appointment with a teacher you will be able to sign up for an appointment the following week on either Tuesday 31st January or Thursday 2nd February.

We would always encourage parents to be in contact with us as soon as you have any concerns and not wait until there is a parents evening before you feel you can meet with staff. Hopefully the email contact will support this new open way of working.

We hope this new format addresses the issues you raised in the feedback and forums from the summer term, notably the frustration of overrunning appointments, the meaningfulness of the appointment conversations, the desire to have more time where necessary to really look at the work your child is producing and not feeling obliged to attend if you feel there is no need for you to do so.

This is new for all of us and whilst we have planned it to be meaningful and manageable we may not get it perfect straight away! We would therefore be really appreciative of any and all feedback so that we can ensure that we develop this valuable opportunity to be as effective as it possibly can be.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Wilks', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D Wilks
Headteacher