

Dear Parent / Carer,

At Sydenham we are always trying to think of ways in which we can involve our parents in the work of the school. After all, like us, your focus is to ensure that your daughter does as well as she can at Sydenham to prepare her for the rest of her life - so we both have the same aim!

We have therefore set up a **'Sydenham Parent Forum'**. The Parent Forum is now in its third year. The most frequently asked questions about the Parent Forum are:

Q *Why have we set up a 'Sydenham Parent Forum'?*

The Forum provides an opportunity for the school and parents to work together to maximise the achievement of students. It provides an opportunity for parents to influence what goes on in school and the way the school communicates and engages with parents.

Q *Who can attend the 'Sydenham Parent Forum'?*

Any parent of a student at Sydenham School.

Q *Who else will attend the 'Sydenham Parent Forum'?*

There will be senior staff from the school present to provide a link between the Forum and the school.

Q *What will the 'Sydenham Parent Forum' do?*

Identify and discuss ways of improving school procedures, communications and quality of education for students.

Q *Will the 'Sydenham Parent Forum' be able to change what happens in the school?*

Yes, the views of the Forum will be carefully considered by the school and Governing body and will, at the very least, influence decisions that the school makes.