



## Consultation regarding Parent/Teacher evenings

We are busy planning our calendar for next year and would like your feedback:

At the start of the Pandemic, we had to look at an alternative way to feed back to you on the progress of your child(ren). The system that we opted for was the Schoolcloud system and this allowed us to make contact and feedback through an online portal.

Over the course of the 2 years, I have spoken with a number of parents and am aware of a variety of positives and negatives of this system. It is interesting to note that we now have 3 year groups of children whose parents have not experienced the traditional 'face to face' parents evenings and those of you that have experienced these will also be aware that there are also positives and negatives to this way of feeding back.

I have tried to list the positives and negatives of each system below, and would ask that you consider these and then access the Microsoft forms link to tell us your preferred method of feedback.

I would like to collate these views so that we can make an informed decision and choose the best approach to feeding back to parents next year.

## Face to Face Parent / Teacher meetings

### Advantages

- More personal – able to physically meet the staff and see the school
- Can often talk to members of staff for longer (this does have a knock on effect on the number of appointments available that evening)

### Disadvantages

- Some conversations may go on longer which increases waiting time for other parents
- There are generally large queues and it can take a number of hours to see all teachers.
- Sometimes it is difficult to attend the school site due to work commitments or transport issues

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## Virtual Parent/Teacher Meeting

### Advantages

- No need to travel to the school site – appointments can be completed whilst at home or in work
- No longer have to queue for long periods
- It is possible to send questions to the member of staff prior to the meeting
- All class teachers can be seen in a much shorter time scale than a face to face evening

### Disadvantages

- Virtual meetings can be seen as impersonal.
- The 5 minute duration is not long and this needs to be focused on progress rather than course content etc. Questions can be submitted prior to the meeting which can ensure it is more focused and beneficial to the individual.
- Only a certain number of appointments are available. Where a parent has tried to make an appointment and cannot, there is a facility to request a phone call. Five minute appointments actually allow more appointment slots than would normally be available on a face to face evening.
- Technical issues may prevent access to the meeting or there may be a loss of connection. If an appointment has been made and the meeting has not completed, a phone call can be made to update on progress.

We appreciate that there is not a 'one size fits all' approach, however your feedback is important for us to make an informed decision so that these sessions are run as productively as possible. Please would you complete the form by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/JtkeuYWAKm>

The link will close on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00 pm

Kind Regards

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