



JUNIOR SCHOOL

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# Dobcroft Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the last academic year, we engaged with a working party of parents and focussed on parental engagement and how we, as a school, can do even more to help parents and carers feel that they have a real connection with school and the wider community. The feedback was incredibly useful and there were many positives to take away. Even more helpfully, parents were able to suggest areas for improvement, some of which have already resulted in change, such as –

- An earlier opportunity for parents to meet the new class teacher. We did this in the style of an ‘open evening’ on the first school day back for children in September.
- More frequent opportunities for parents to ‘catch’ the class teacher so that they don’t feel they have to arrange a meeting to quickly mention smaller matters. Now as a result, whenever possible, class teachers take their classes out onto the yard daily.
- Raising awareness of useful information on our school website. You will start to notice that from now on we will include links in our emails (regarding letters) as part of our communication system, which we hope prompts parent and carers to explore the website.
- We have developed a more consistent whole school communication strategy. Part of the strategy states that the office team now send out all reminders via text messages. Hopefully, this ensures that parents know where to check back when they want to recall reminder information.
- Our communication strategy is also now more consistent in terms of periods of notice that we provide to parents regarding events which require money over £5. We endeavour to give our parents at least one month’s notice for this type of event.

## Next steps

One aspect which parents suggested as an area to further improve would be the way that they receive communication about their child’s day, particularly around smaller celebration moments such as moving to the ‘flower’ as part of our positive behaviour system. Celebratory behaviour examples are hugely important and feature heavily within our school values and approach. We would like to obtain some further parent and carer voice to better understand what information you would like to receive and how with regards to positive praise. We would be extremely grateful if you could spend a couple of minutes filling out the parent and carer voice questionnaire to support us in deciding on a possible way forward. The link is provided below-

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oiGKJ5KIXTO8JrMtLEbcwhB7y2Bb\\_Wm1BUu4EUSuLY/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oiGKJ5KIXTO8JrMtLEbcwhB7y2Bb_Wm1BUu4EUSuLY/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Kind regards,  
Sheree Doyle – Deputy Head Teacher

