



# Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Autumn term Early Years and KS1 parent survey. We were very grateful for all the very positive feedback we received. There were also some very constructive suggestions for development. The main issues discussed at the parent forum were communication, parent workshops, pick up and drop off times and bikes and scooters. This is not to say that other issues were not valid, but we only discussed issues if they were mentioned on a number of questionnaires. If your issue is not mentioned below please see your class rep for some feedback.

## Communication

There were four elements to this; parent mail, the volume of letters being sent out, the signing up processes for parents' evening.

A few parents pointed out that not all letters were being sent via parent mail. When we investigated this matter we realised that texts were being sent only and some letters had not been sent via parent mail. We have addressed this issue and you should now receive all letters via parent mail.

We are going to try to cut down the volume of letters wherever possible by covering information in newsletters and half termly class letters. However we know that the majority of you would prefer to receive letters than miss out on information, so we cannot promise to cut down on letters dramatically. All letters are also available on the school website under the parent tab.

The parents' evening booking process will remain the same with times being published on the school website. When the timetables are complete we will display them on the classroom doors and outside the office.

## Parent Workshops

We had an overwhelming response to the parent workshops and are really pleased so many of you find them useful. Workshops for KS2 will be taking place in the Spring term so please look out for letters. Workshop presentations are saved on our school website so that parents who are unable to attend can read the information given; resource packs are also available from the school office.

Times of workshops have been adjusted to support working parents. In addition to this we will be attempting to video some of the workshops and will post these onto the school website in due course.

## Pick up and Drop off Time

Gates for the KS1 classrooms will now be open at 8.50am to ensure parents have enough time to drop off children who are in different year groups. All gates will be manned at the end of the school day by a member of staff. We will be looking into a password system to use in Early Years to help with safe collection.

## Bikes and Scooters

We are currently looking into ways to increase the bike / scooter park in the Early Years playground. However until we can resolve this issue could parents please lock bicycles up in the year 5 and 6 playground across the road and continue to leave scooters in the scooter park in the Early Years playground.

Could parents who have children in year 1 and 2 please lock bikes up in the bike park and take scooters to your child's classroom courtyard.

Thank you again for your input and support.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Beard

Headteacher