



# Bessemer Grange Primary School & Children's Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the summer term Early Years and KS1 parent survey. We were very grateful for all the very positive feedback we received. Particular strengths identified by the parents include; dedicated and high quality staff, the excellent teaching and learning, the enrichment of the curriculum, from clubs to trips and school based activities, the happiness of the children and the fantastic school environment and community.

There were also some constructive suggestions for development. The main issues identified for discussion at the parent forum were; the consistency of use of parent mail, the sharing of dates for events, more frequent feedback on children's progress, Reception parents not being informed that Louise Corbett was leaving Sunshine Class and the fact that KS1 children repeat reading books quite often. This is not to say that other issues were not valid, but I have only written about issues if they were mentioned on a number of questionnaires. Class reps do however have responses to all issues raised as we discussed them at our meeting, if your issue is not mentioned below you can ask your class rep for feedback.

The consistency of use of parent mail: All staff have been reminded that all letters must be given to the office staff to put on parent mail. Once this happens all trips should be available electronically for permission and payments.

Dates for events: We apologise for the fact that some key dates have not been added to the Google calendar, we will address this immediately. We will also do our best to give more notice for big events, however we cannot always set dates at the beginning of the year or even a term as they might then have to change due to external factors, such as the availability of the JAGS field.

Feedback on children's progress: Parents are always welcome to speak to teachers after school for progress updates or to ask to see their children's books. We do not feel that we can offer more frequent written feedback as it simply would not be manageable for teachers.

The departure of Louise Corbett from Sunshine Class: We apologise for the fact that parents were not informed in advance, we understand that this was a significant change for the children and we should have shared information sooner. Miss Corbett has moved to Year 1 to prepare for her new teaching role.

Repetition of reading books in KS1: We are going to do our best to ensure less repetition of books, partly by buying more books to increase the options available. However children will still occasionally repeat books, possibly for consolidation or possibly through choice as children do like familiar texts.

Thank you again for your participation in this process, it is extremely valuable to us and we hope you will continue to give us feedback.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Whitehead



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