



07.05.20 Info for Parents (Google Meets + Parent/Carer Forum feedback)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. I'd like to update you with some communication developments. I will be contacting you again next week around any changes to school opening that are announced this weekend, but at the moment we do not have any information about that.

This week, teachers have been trialling Google Meets so that we can begin online pastoral meets with form groups next week. We have decided to use this platform after advice on security and because you already have email accounts set up. We will send you a simple guide on how to use a Google Meet invitation. Teachers will then send out invitations for your child (and you if you want) to join the Meet. This is a chance for the children to have social contact with the class and their teacher, and we will look at doing two of these next week and increasing from that point. There's no obligation for your child to join in, so please don't worry if it isn't convenient and you can't make it. We would ask that you stay present in the room with your child during the Meet, and you are welcome to join in if you and your child find this helpful. Next week is about everyone getting the chance to say hello and catch up and test out the tech. If you do have technical problems, please contact the school office and our IT manager will try to help so we can resolve it for the next Meet.

Parent/Carer Forum has been feeding back on parent views to the local authority. There has been lots of extremely positive feedback from parents but a few requests too. As the feedback is anonymised, schools don't know who has made requests so we have agreed to send out a common response to all our parents. The most common request appears to be from some families asking for increased phone call contact as they find that really useful. Our response is: of course we can do that - just ask the class team on your email and it can be arranged. We also have some families who prefer email only contact, and that is fine if you can indicate that to us. The whole point of these contacts is to be as supportive as possible, and if you let us know preferences, we can work with that. Another point that cropped up from general feedback to schools was around differentiation of work and this seems to be where some children were finding work too difficult or too easy. If you do have this issue, please feed it back to the class team on your email and they can amend things for you. Much of how we differentiate in the class is based on how we see the children reacting day-to-day in front of us, so any feedback you give us is very useful.

We all hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we are looking forward to a time when we can see all the children again.

Best wishes – Jane Hughes



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