



Parent Voice – Reestablishing the group 12/02/26

In attendance:

Tim Jones – Headteacher

Kylie Finlay – School Governor

Kerry Hays – Parent and PTA member

Laura Mawson – Parent and PTA member

Purpose of the group was to re-establish the Parent Voice sessions, to gain feedback and insight from parents regarding key themes across the school.

Summary of the discussion:

- Parents welcomed the reset and re-introduction of Parent Voice, with a strong emphasis that it is open to *all* parents and carers, not aimed at any one group.
- There was support for Parent Voice focusing on whole-school themes, with opportunities for more collaboration between parents and the school. Making it easier to take part
- Parents asked for more flexible meeting times, including options after work hours.
- There was interest in online or hybrid meetings (via Teams) to help more people attend.
- Parents valued the idea of sharing meeting notes on the school website, so everyone can stay informed even if they can't attend.

How feedback is gathered

- Parents recognised that anonymous suggestion boxes can be useful, but also noted challenges in understanding and responding to feedback when names or context aren't provided.
- A strong suggestion was to theme feedback for Parent Voice meetings, so discussions are focused and easier to act on.
- Parents welcomed the use of questionnaires and informal feedback opportunities, such as collecting views at events and performances.

What's working well

- Overall feedback from parents through the latest questionnaire was positive.
- Showcase sessions were highlighted as being particularly well received.

- Parents appreciated clearer communication about progress and changes made as a result of feedback, including some suggestions around improvements linked to parents' evenings.

Parents' evenings – what we heard

- Some parents raised concerns about short online appointment times and calls cutting off.
- It was clarified that parents' evenings are intended for high-level updates, with other routes available for more detailed conversations if needed.
- Parents welcomed changes to timing and structure, including better alignment with progress information which has already been addressed by the Headteacher

Quick wins and next steps

Based on parent feedback, the school will:

- Share the focus and themes of parents' evenings at the start of each term.
- Remind parents they can add notes in advance via the app if there's something specific, they'd like to discuss.
- Use school events more actively to gather feedback, including simple, quick ways to share views.
- Improve communication about the curriculum, including termly overviews and helpful links shared through newsletters and the website.
- Trial online, after-hours Parent Voice meetings, starting with the next session.
- Trial open suggestion boxes to allow feedback to be shared. This will be monitored and summary provided to the parent group and wider parents on a regular basis

Next meeting – **Thursday 21st May at 5:00pm**. This meeting will be offered as a hybrid meeting (face to face and online). A link to join will be shared with parent/carers nearer the time and via the school's email system.