



31 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We had hoped to circulate the Parent Forum minutes following our Governing Body meeting on 20 March but as you know this meeting had to be postponed due to the Ofsted inspection. I appreciate that parents/carers have such busy lives and therefore whilst I am attaching the Parent Forum minutes of the meeting held on 8 March which provide the detail of what was discussed, the headline information is set out below.

- **Nursery opening time:** routines are now established, and the children are quickly welcomed into class – doors open at 9am but will do so earlier if there is bad weather.
- **Bikeability:** Y6 will be receiving details of sessions in the summer holidays shortly as it has not proved possible to arrange these during term time.
- **Arbor:** 100% of parents are now signed up to this
- **Working Parent Group re Communications:** the group met in November 2022 and concluded that various steps had been taken by school to improve comms to parents and that in fact no further action was needed to be taken by school save to remind you of the following:-

School uses three main methods of communication with parents:

- Arbor – used in 2 ways:
 - i. emailing parents/classes/year groups/whole school re eg school trips/class photos/sports events
 - ii. In App facility for an urgent message eg where your child has had a head bump

Please note that it is vital that you turn on the notifications within the app.

- Google Classrooms – used for home learning
 - Email from admin@greenway – used for illness, extended services eg WACCY
- **Possible introduction of a Twitter feed:** having taken on board your feedback that this would not be welcomed by parents, the Governing Body will discuss this at its rescheduled meeting in April as the intent had been not to add to communication streams but, like so many other schools who already successfully use this, to provide an easy platform for all to celebrate some of the lovely things going on in school.
 - **Parent Information Evenings:** school/GSA will be looking to arrange parent sessions covering Maths and/or Phonics and/or Read Write Inc and/or First Aid in the coming months plus presentation(s) from Dr Kathy Weston.
 - **Annual Parent Survey:** following your being asked to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey last week the Governing Body will not be asking you or your children to complete a further survey this academic year.

- **Additional issues raised ie Curriculum Overviews; Additional Clubs (particularly Art); PE/Sport; Team Selection; General Communication; Site Security; Side gate; Childrens Toilets; Minibus; Music Service; School Trips; Homework:** please refer to the relevant headed section within the minutes attached for information around what was discussed.

When reviewing the feedback prior to the meeting it was clear that many of the points raised had been discussed previously. To assist you (particularly those parents who may be new to the school) we have highlighted in green in the minutes where you may find earlier answers/responses rather than repeating the information again as we appreciate that the minutes are a long document.

With this last point in mind, I am sure that you agree that the welfare of Greenway staff is of real importance - the Governing Body are proud to have such a dedicated, happy and stable team working with your children. This is a challenging time for so many people not least those working in education and the Governing Body are confident that everyone at Greenway is trying their absolute best for your children.

Consideration is going to be given to changing the format of Parent Forum to ensure that it returns to being more tightly focussed; so that you still have the opportunity to raise queries but to help us deliver the school experiences you desire for your child/ren and to ensure that time is not spent going over old ground.

Regards



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Chair of Parent Forum