

# Great Barford Church of England Primary Academy

*'Growing together through learning, friendship and worship'*



18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Parent Forum had their third meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Our remit is to collect views, suggestions and solutions from the wider parent group in order to support the school to moving forward.

The aim of this meeting was to discuss how we could reach as many of you as possible for your thoughts and views.

You will be aware that the school organised an Update Meeting earlier in the month to share with the school community what has been achieved since the start of the year – sadly the turnout was quite low for the evening, which was a shame because it would have been great to see more of you there to share in the school's long list of successes, achievements and the progress they have made, in a very short space of time, in their Action Plan.

We know that after school meetings are not always best timed for people, so we discussed alternative ways in which we could reach you. As promised in our last letter, in this meeting, we addressed the idea of an electronic survey. We have identified areas from the Ofsted Parent view questionnaire that we would like your opinions on as there were huge discrepancies between the Ofsted online survey and previous feedback surveys carried out by the school internally. Our 'homework' for the summer holidays is to come up with some questions linked to our focus area and in our next meeting in September we will create the Survey ready to send to you in early October.

We have decided that every month we will have a **Feedback Friday** – this will be either in the form of an online survey or an outside suggestion box – or possibly both so that we can tap into as many of your ideas as possible! We are going to bring the suggestion box outside to you during morning drop off and afternoon pick, to raise awareness that all ideas and opinions are welcomed and valued. There will be Parent Forum representatives on-hand outside to speak to too.

Our aim as a Parent Forum is for you to feel listened to and that your opinions are valued, but we are not able to do that if you do not come forward either by email or through our suggestion box or by completing our surveys. We really do value your thoughts and opinions so we can make Great Barford Primary Academy truly great.

In the meantime, if you do have any pressing matters, the message as before is:

- Please remember that your first point of contact is always your child's class teacher.
- If you cannot catch them afterschool or attend a drop in session, a mutually convenient time can be arranged for a meeting, or an email can be forwarded to them from the school office
- Any general enquires can be made via the school office where Mrs Meadows can either answer your questions or direct your email/question to the appropriate person
- Please let the Office know if you are experiencing any difficulties with the **e-school App** as we would like as many technical difficulties ironed out as possible

For non-urgent queries/suggestions you can also email the parent forum : [parentforum@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:parentforum@gbpa.org.uk)

Your Parent Forum

Look out for the **e-schools App** link on the website – this is a great tool as it sends notifications direct to your phone that you have a text message or letter from the school.

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