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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Parental Engagement Questionnaire Results

As stated previously, one of our main priorities this year is to work more closely with our parents and carers and look where we can improve communication at all levels and provide more opportunity for you to be more involved in school life.

The first part of this process was to gather your views and opinions about the school through our parental engagement questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire.

When asked what we can do to improve communication and collaboration here are the suggestions we received.

How can we improve communication and collaboration?

- Have more open events for parents and carers to attend.
- Establish a school PTA.
- Improve communication and collaboration.
- Hold 'Meet the Teacher' events at the beginning of the school year.
- Have additional systems to praise children in school.
- Provide more opportunities to meet outside of school hours for fulltime workers.
- More opportunities to meet each other informally e.g., coffee mornings.
- Stream childrens' presentations in Church.
- Face to face parents' evenings.
- Give more information on what the children are learning in school and share expectations.

What are our plans this year?

- 1) Coffee mornings will take place on the first Friday of every month during term time to give parents the opportunity to socialise and learn more about the school.
- 2) A school PTA has been established and Mrs Scothern will be leading on this in school.
- 3) A weekly newsletter is now sent out to all parents and carers to help improve communication.
- 4) A selection of workshops will be available to parent and carers and will take place both during and after school to ensure that everyone can attend.
- 5) Parents' Evenings will be face to face this year.
- 6) Parents and carers will be invited into school to look at children's work and attend celebration events
- 7) Additional praise systems to be established and shared with parents and carers.

8) Provide parental access to Arbor (School management system).

As you can see, we are taking positive steps to improve communication and collaboration in school. We would of course welcome any further suggestions you may have so please feel free to give us a call.

I will of course, keep you updated over the course of the year and look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Kind regards

Mr S Silverwood

Head Teacher