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GREEN OAKS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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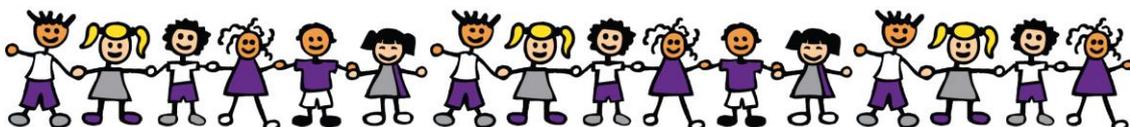
Dear Parents,

Many thanks to the parents who found time to come and talk to me on Tuesday morning it is appreciated.

These are the main comments made by the 8 parents who attended the parent forum meeting. Your comments are appreciated. The meeting was very positive with parents contributing to discussions expressing their thoughts and opinions.

Point raised	What do we do?
1. Pedestrian gate	<p>Mrs Gordon updated during the meeting why the pedestrian gate (near Purple Oaks) remains locked. The Academy and parents have contacted the County Council and Highways Agency with regards to installing a safety barrier on the path on a number of occasions. The barrier is a requirement now that the road is a thoroughfare and the gate cannot be opened until a barrier has been installed for the safety of all pedestrians. A meeting has now taken place with a local councillor and Highways Agency and it has been agreed that the barrier will be installed as the Trust/Purple Oaks and Green Oaks have agreed to pay for it. We expect the barrier to be installed shortly.</p> <p>Parent comment Parents understood the need for the safety barrier and hope that once this is open it will reduce the congestion surrounding the pedestrian gate which is currently open.</p>
2. Ofsted inspection	<p>Mrs Gordon outlined that we have had two HMI monitoring visits (October 2017 and June 2018) which have judged that "The school is taking effective action". The next inspection is due at any time.</p> <p>Parent comment Parents asked when the school would be removed from "Special Measures" category. Mrs Gordon replied this was uncertain as the next inspection could be a third monitoring visit or a full inspection- Ofsted would decide this.</p>
3. Foci for the school	<p>Mrs Gordon outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the school is striving to improve its standards and expect both Key stage 1 and key stage 2 results to be an improvement on the previous year. -Developing the curriculum has been a major focus, to make this more enjoyable, to provide an improved experience for the pupils, extend our visits and visitors. -focussing on improving punctuality, reducing the number of pupils who are persistently late. <p>Parent comment No comments made</p>
4. Any other comments- raised by parents	
Why is the school opening 5 minutes later?	<p>Mrs Gordon replied that having looked at the school day and the amount of time it is open it was decided it was too long therefore the day is to be shortened by 5 mins. (Parents were reminded that the pupils have 45 mins for lunch not an hour)</p>
The appropriateness of Mathletics as maths homework?	<p>There were differing views on Mathletics by parents. One parent felt it wasn't appropriate for young children who should be learning number formation and other parents liked the use of technology to support maths. Mrs Gordon outlined that</p>

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	Mathletics should be used to supplement maths homework and not replace it.
Maths parent workshop	One parent commented that they had attended the maths workshop run by Mrs McLee and they had found it particularly helpful and supportive. The workshop had enabled them to support their child more effectively through using resources. It was felt that the workshop should be repeated next year. Parents then asked if workshops could be run on "Kinetic letters" which is the handwriting scheme the school uses. Mrs Gordon said this could be arranged.
Nursery- not used as it is only open mornings/ use of spare DSP classrooms.	Mrs Gordon discussed plans to extend the nursery opening hours to full time, this was well received by parents who thought this would be far more convenient. Unclear at the moment how the old DSP classrooms could be utilised this will be a project for the future.

Kind regards



Mrs W Gordon
Principal