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Wednesday 17th March 2026

Parents' Forum

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who joined Mrs. Seddon and I for our recent Parents' Forum.

Our first session focused on three key areas which we'd like to continue to explore over the course of this school year. These areas are: communication, reporting and enrichment and educational visits.

Please find below a short summary of what was shared and our planned next steps to further improve, along with the dates of times for our next Parents' Forum.

Communication

Parents and staff reflected on how we currently communicate as one school, working across two separate sites. Parents shared:

- The weekly Friday Flyer is valued but parents shared that the layout could be clearer to help families find information quickly.
- Parents shared that some Arbor messages arrive both in-app and via email leading to duplication.
- A few technical frustrations were also raised (including e-mails and messages not arriving at all – the opposite situation to the one above!).

Next steps for us to further improve:

- ✓ Review and adjust the format of the Friday flyer so that it is more accessible;
- ✓ Clarify how we are communicating using Arbor;
- ✓ Ensure all parents receive the communication which is shared.

We have already started to work on the above and we look forward to hearing the feedback on the revised format of the Friday Flyer!

Reporting

Staff at both schools continue to report to parents throughout the year and we are conscious that the format of our written reports hasn't been reviewed for some time. Despite this, the feedback on the termly report cards was very positive, with parents finding them clear and informative.

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Next steps for us to further improve:

- ✓ Clarify the final section which reports on reading and bookbag routines.

Enrichment and Educational Visits

Although this discussion is in its early stages (due to running out of time), parents were positive about reviewing and broadening our enrichment and trip offer. The key points for both schools to further consider included:

- Ensuring that there is a wide and exciting range of experiences linked to the curriculum;
- Keeping visits accessible and affordable, so that they offer value;
- Sharing plans early so families can prepare.

Next steps for us:

- ✓ We will continue developing ideas in this area, using our scheduled INSET time, and bring proposals to a future forum.

Opportunities to join us in school

We share the enthusiasm of our parents who were keen to further strengthen the link between home and school. During our meeting we discussed a number of ideas and opportunities to increase the time in school, and in your children/'s class:

Next steps for us:

- ✓ Plan and share opportunities for parents of every child to visit school during Spring 2.
- ✓ Review the offer and establish a set programme during the summer term.

It has been lovely to see so many families in school this term, whether listening to children sing and play instruments, or to help in assembling cars or sewing! We look forward to hearing your feedback after these initial visits!

Join us after Easter, in person or online!

Mrs. Seddon and I would love to see as many parents and carers at our next Parents' Forum scheduled for the first week back after Easter as we continue to explore the areas above. To further support engagement, we have also scheduled a

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meeting online and we hope that this enables as many parents as possible to join us!

- **All Saints CE Infants:** Thursday 16th April at 9 a.m. in the meeting room (join us on the bottom playground)
- **All Saints' CE Junior:** Thursday 16th April at 3 p.m. in the staff room (please come to Reception)
- **Online!** Thursday 16th April at 5 p.m.: Please e-mail info@allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk for the Teams link.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming you into school over the final week of the Spring term and we look forward to further improving our school when our Parents' Forum meets in April.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben O'Connell".

Mr Ben O'Connell
Headteacher