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Learning Reviews for Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my message postponing the consultations after half term, I wanted to explain a new format for our older pupils that I alluded to in the message.

When visiting another school a few years ago, I was introduced to a process that the experienced Headteacher was using and it's something I'd like to try here. Essentially, to reflect the fact that children in Year 5 are becoming increasingly aware of, and involved in, their own learning, the idea is that they lead these meetings.

The children will be given the opportunity to 'present' to you and their teacher what they feel are their strengths, successes and areas for development. They may use a Powerpoint presentation or some other form of prompt and will be given some time in class to reflect and prepare. The teachers will obviously also be able to respond and contribute to the discussion, as will you, after the children have had 5 minutes or so to open the meeting.

The other aspect of the format is that I will 'host' the meetings in my office. I will be acting primarily as an observer, partly as a way of getting to know the children better. By better understanding their strengths and weaknesses, I will be able to track and support their progress into Year 6, where we may return to the same process with an update at the Autumn term meeting.

To help facilitate this approach, the plan is to hold the meetings for each class on a particular day:

St Max – Tuesday 18th March, 9am to 6pm

St Padre Pio – Thursday 20th March, 9am to 6pm

As you will see, we are giving you early notice that the meetings will run throughout the school day, as well as after, and we would encourage as many parents as possible to sign up to one of the earlier times. Teachers will be released from class for the day, with cover provided, and I will be clearing my diary to prioritise these important learning reviews. We understand, of course, that there will be families where both parents cannot be released during the working day so there will be some after-school slots available with this in mind.

We will provide appointment slots for booking in the first week after half term and I look forward to meeting with some or all of you in March.

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Yours sincerely

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