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Early Years Parent Consultations and Reporting Arrangements

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Dear Parents & Carers,

At Bowerham Primary & Nursery School and Baby Unit, we recognise the importance of working closely with parents and carers to support children's learning, development and wellbeing. Building positive relationships with families has always been an important part of our Early Years practice.

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the arrangements for parent consultations and reporting across our Early Years provision, including the Baby Unit, Nursery and Reception classes.

Parent Consultations

Our autumn settling-in meetings have already been organised and have either taken place or are taking place over the next few weeks, online via Microsoft Teams. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents and key workers to discuss how children have settled into their new environment, celebrate their achievements and share information about their interests, friendships and development, both at home and in nursery/school.

Going forward, the spring term parent consultation will continue to take place during the school day and be a face-to-face meeting. This is due to our key worker system, which allows parents to meet with the member of staff who works closely with their child and has a good understanding of their individual needs, learning and development. In line with years 1-6, if your child is on the SEND register parents will be able to book a slightly longer appointment time of 15 minutes. This is to enable parents to review their child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and set new targets.

Reporting on Children's Learning and Development

We will continue to share children's progress reports through Tapestry, which can be accessed using the 'Reports' tab on your child's Tapestry account.

Reports will be available to view at the end of the autumn and summer terms.

Although the format of these reports may look slightly different, they will continue to provide meaningful information about your child's learning, development and achievements, with a clear focus on identifying their next steps.

Our aim is to ensure that parents and staff are working together to support each child's individual progress, celebrating what they can do and identifying how we can help them continue to learn and develop.

While formal parent consultations and reports are important, we want to ensure that communication remains ongoing and purposeful throughout the year. We recognise that parents know their children best, and your knowledge, experiences and insights are invaluable in helping us understand and support each child. Equally, our staff are committed to sharing their understanding of your child's learning and development and working closely with you to support their next steps.

By working together, we can ensure that every child receives the encouragement, care and support they need to '*Stand tall, reach high, love learning*' at Bowerham.

Thank you for your continued support. We value the positive relationships we have with our families and look forward to continuing to work together in the best interests of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Smith - Associate Headteacher

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