

25th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Meet and Greet Afternoon – Informal Parent/Carer Consultation Afternoon

Further to the Meet and Greet Open Afternoons that have already taken place, there appears to be some confusion over the purpose of the event. As shown on the Parent Engagement Schedule these meetings were shown as *informal parent/carers consultation afternoons* and not our traditional open afternoons, where the teacher and class team invite you to be part of the class teaching and learning.

The purpose of the Meet and Greet was to enable you to speak to the teacher and/or class team and therefore no formal learning would be undertaken. While staff spoke with all parents/carers we anticipated that parents/carers would engage with their children within the classroom environment when not talking to staff. By the nature of the afternoon your children were safe and staff were monitoring all pupils but they were also engaged in conversation with parent/carers and not engaged with pupils in the normal way when pupils are their sole focus and teaching and learning is the purpose of the lesson.

Many parents/carers have welcomed this opportunity but others felt it did not show them what happens in the classroom on a daily basis and I would like to stress that you will be given this opportunity at your child's open afternoon in Term 3 as well as getting to enjoy their successes at the celebration assemblies in Term 2.

Please remember that we are only a few weeks into a new academic year and many pupils take close to a term to settle back into the routine of school and the Meet and Greet event was very busy in the classrooms which many of our pupils would have found challenging.

Having reflected on the number of parents/carers who attended the Explore pathway event, next year the groups will be split further and spaced over a larger number of days with a limit of 1 adult visitor per child in all pathways, which I hope will help our pupils be more comfortable with the event at such as early stage in the new academic year.

I thank you for your support and the feedback given. For those parents/carers in the Enquire and 6th Form pathways, I hope you enjoy your opportunity to meet with the class teams at your events over the week.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully



Angela Howe
Principal