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Dear Parents

Re: Year 1 - Year 6: Autumn Parents' Phone Calls (instead of Parents' Evening)

Parents' Evening will take on a new look for this term. Continued communication between school and home is a very high priority this year, however COVID'19 restrictions mean that we are unable to hold our normal 'face to face' meetings. Instead we will be holding 10-minute phone calls over a period of two weeks (see reverse). The phone calls are designed to allow your teacher time to say how your child has settled back into full time education, go through where your child is in terms of any 'even better ifs...we call them EBIs' and allow you some time to chat to your child's teacher.

Why Phone Calls and not Video Calls?

Everyone has a phone these days and this means we have a far greater chance of getting through and also allowing the full 10 minutes without 'buffering' or 'poor signal connection'. Video calls rely on good connectivity to Wi-Fi and an assumption that everyone will be able to access the video calls app we would be using.

How to book a phone call slot?

- A link will be sent by text and email to the first contact of each child
- Click the link to make your booking
- You will also be given an option to provide some notes for the meeting – please only use this box to provide the phone number you wish to be called on – **very important**.
- If you have difficulty booking, please contact the office who are happy to do this for you.

Will I be able to see any of my child's work?

- Over the coming few weeks your child will bring home a piece of writing to show you what they have been up to. We will also be starting the class blogs again – more information will follow on this.

When will Reception classes be holding their 10-minute Parent Phone Calls?

- These will be planned for the middle-end of November as this will allow the Reception teachers time to talk about how each child has settled in and be able to talk about the learning that has taken place.

Learning from each other – achieving together



What happens if I can't make the call?


- Your child's teacher will make every effort during the 10 minutes to try your phone number. If you are unable to answer your teacher will find time AFTER ½ term to arrange a 10-minute conversation. As you can appreciate this is not our preferred choice and I would strongly encourage ALL parents to sign up for these allocated days.

Class Teacher Phone Call Days and Date

The ☺ indicate when your child's teacher(s) will be phoning. The vast majority of phone calls will happen on Tuesday's and Thursday's however a few teachers have a different day, please make sure you make a note of the time slot you choose and the DAY. Thank you.

Class	Teacher	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		12 th Oct	13 th Oct	14 th Oct	15 th Oct	16 th Oct		19 th Oct	20 th Oct	21 st Oct	22 nd Oct	23 rd Oct
3	Miss Woolley/Mrs Langer		☺		☺				☺		☺	
4	Mrs Wilkins/ Mrs Sargeant		☺		☺				☺		☺	
5	Mrs Bayntun		☺	☺					☺	☺		
6	Mr Clayton	☺		☺				☺		☺		
7	Mr Grace		☺		☺				☺		☺	
8	Mr Adsett		☺		☺				☺		☺	
9	Mrs Steed/ Mrs Charlton		☺		☺				☺		☺	
10	Mr Roddis		☺	☺					☺	☺		
11	Mr Howell		☺		☺				☺		☺	
12	Mrs Tanfield		☺		☺				☺		☺	
13	Mrs Brain	☺	☺						☺		☺	
14	Mr. Bradley		☺		☺				☺		☺	

Many thanks for your continued support,



Mr. Mills Head Teacher