

Parents' Evening Feedback

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Dear Parents,

On one of my recent newsletters I informed you that I would send out a questionnaire to seek your views on our current parents' evening format. We have two parents' evenings per year lasting two nights in November and two nights in March.

Since COVID, we have continued with the online system which has gone well and a previous survey suggested the majority of parents were happy to continue in this way because it was convenient and easy to use. I have listened to previous parental feedback and we have modified the system to enable a longer session time. This has increased from five minutes to seven.

I'm sure you'll understand that when implementing any new system I have to try and balance the needs of both parents and staff. Understandably so, we as a staff are in favour of keeping the 'on-line' system because it ensures each meeting does not overrun as opposed to our old 'face-to-face' system which invariably overran and left many parents frustrated because other parents took more than their allocated five minute timeslot. On occasions, childcare issues meant younger siblings also attended the meetings which was distracting for all. Many of you parents further up the school will resonate with these frustrations.

However, we do recognise that some parents would still like 'face to face' so I'm canvassing your opinion on a few options. One of my considerations is to try and find a model that also gives you an opportunity to look at your child's books.

Here are the questions I'd like some feedback on:

1. How did you find logging on/accessing the meeting?
2. How convenient was the parents' evening?
3. What model do you prefer going forward for both
 - Continue with the current on-line model for both
 - Face to face for both
 - Hybrid model of the two - One meeting on-line and one meeting face-to-face

In the interests of fairness, please be aware that strict timeslots for any 'face to face' meetings would have to be adhered to, to alleviate parents and staff frustrations.

Please find the link to the survey [here](#)

Thank you for your time

Mr Platt