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Parent Forum Updates

24th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to provide you with an update following this week's Governors meeting, where we discussed the actions taken in response to the topics raised during the Parent Forum held in March. Please find a summary of the discussion below.

Benefits from the Equals Trust

Chris Keast (Chair of The Acorn Federation governing body) will raise the question of the benefits that the schools receive from the Trust at the upcoming Equals Trust Board meeting, with the aim of generating a co-ordinated response that can be shared across the eight member schools. I will work with Mrs Cook to share the outputs of this initiative with parents promptly when we receive them.

School Communications

Mrs Cook has been working with the school office on a renewed approach to school communications, with an emphasis on consistent communications and giving parents good notice when responses to messages are required. The school will make sure that parents can always access copies of school letters from both the BJPS website (www.burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk) and in printed copy from the school office, alongside email communications and letters returned with children where a signed response is required.

Car Parking

Mrs Cook has been working with Gedling Borough Council and Nottingham County Council Highways Authority to understand what further actions can be taken to address dangerous parking during school drop-off and pick-up. Unfortunately these conversations have confirmed that the school does not have the authority to put in place temporary traffic cones measures during busy periods, however the school has been included on the rota for additional traffic camera and PCSO checks. Ultimately the school has to rely on us as parents taking responsibility for our own parking and complying with traffic law, especially in the restricted zones around school. Please do take particular care when it is necessary for you to drive to the school to prevent reoccurrence of the recent accident!

I hope this update is helpful. I am always keen to hear the views of other parents, so please do feel free to get in contact by email via richard.bateson@governor-equalstrust.org.



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Best wishes,

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Previous Communications

Dear Parents and Carers,

The most recent Parent Forum was held just before the end of the Easter term on Monday 26th March.

Thank you very much to those parents who took the time to meet Mrs. Cook and myself, and for the positive and useful conversation! I wanted to distribute the notes that I took to give all parents an insight into the topics discussed. These included the following:

- Benefits Burton Joyce Primary School has recognised from the Equals Trust
- School Communications
- Car Parking around school
- Homework

These notes will be included on the agenda at the next Acorn Federation Governors meeting and will be used to follow up on the parent priorities raised during the meeting.

Best wishes,

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Parent Governor for Burton Joyce Primary School, one of my responsibilities is to give parents the opportunity to raise questions or suggestions related to school policy and direction for consideration by the school's Board of Governors. For example this could be suggestions for extra-curricular activities, concerns on admissions policy, queries on subjects being taught that term, questions on information communicated by the school – or anything else that is on your mind.

Mrs. Cook and I will be holding a meeting (the Parent Forum) on **Monday 26th March at 3:00pm-4:00pm** at the school to give you the opportunity to raise your ideas and questions on these topics. Please turn up any time during this hour – we hope by holding it around pick-up time this will be convenient for parents.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this meeting! If you cannot make the meeting this time please feel free to speak to me any time you see me at the school or leave me an email at richard.bateson@governor-equalstrust.org

Best wishes,

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