

Greenfields Federation

Littlehaven Infant School and Northolmes Junior School



Growing Together, Aiming High

Our vision at Greenfields Federation is that we will work together as a community to ensure all pupils achieve their best and everyone feels valued and respected. We will prioritise the well-being of our children and have high expectations for behaviour. We will create an inspiring and motivating learning environment where all children can deepen their knowledge, acquire new skills and develop as well-rounded, happy, confident individuals.

Parent Partnership Notes

from meeting held at Littlehaven on 5th October 2022

In attendance: Lyndsay Woodland (Deputy Headteacher/Inclusion) and Helen Oakley (Chair of Governors)

Discussion:

- Welcome to parents attending from both Littlehaven and Northolmes.
- Request from parents for more information on what the meetings are about which may encourage other parents to attend. Request for meetings to be set on different days/times and a reminder about future meetings to go out a couple of days beforehand.
- Comment from a parent about clubs at Littlehaven clashing with the perspective Y3 visit at Northolmes. Miss Woodland said if this affects any parents then they can contact the Northolmes office to arrange another time to visit.
- Getting involved in school life - join the PTA, become a governor or be a parent volunteer, e.g. parent reader. Please contact the relevant school office if you are interested in helping out at either school.
- Communication through eSchools. Parents sometimes miss information as emails cannot be highlighted as important. Suggestion that events are listed in the dates on the newsletter even if they are still to be confirmed so parents know what future events/activities are due to take place.
- Frequency of school trips. School leaders and governors are aware of the increasing financial pressures on families and therefore teachers are carefully considering the cost of trips and looking at alternative enrichment activities. Parent commented that parents compare trips to what is happening at other local schools so could information to parents be more transparent on this.
- Clubs at Northolmes. Parent asked if all the dates could go out together at the start of term so children are not disappointed if another club comes up when they have already signed up for another and so parents can plan clubs in around other children's clubs.
- Parent asked about the time gap between Littlehaven and Northolmes finishing as their child comes out late and it is a rush to get up to Northolmes for pick up. Deputy Headteacher let parents know that there will be a consultation with parents on school hours later this year to be compliant with the new school hour rules coming into force in September 2023.

Actions:

- More information on what the meeting is about to go on in the next meeting flyer. Dates for the rest of the year to be agreed (varying days and times) and included on the newsletter dates list. Reminder to go out before future meetings.
- Include events in the dates list in the newsletter even if the date has not been confirmed so parents know what events/activities are planned.
- More information to be included in letters to parents on why certain decisions have been made, e.g. a workshop instead of a trip because of the cost.
- Clubs at Northolmes to be arranged in advance so all club dates go out together.