

19th June 2024

Dear Parent/carer

At Trinity Academy St Edward's, we value input from parents/carers and aim to work with you to support your child to ensure they achieve their full potential. One way we do this is through our Parent Leadership Group (PLG). The aim of the group is to discuss aspects of school from a parent/carer perspective and increase the understanding of our systems and procedures enabling us to work better as a school community. On Thursday 6th June we held our fifth PLG meeting of the year.

I have listed the main actions taken from the meeting below. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the meeting in more detail, please email me at contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org

PLG – Agenda - June 2024

- 1. Re-visit the April meeting action points and discuss progress made.**
- 2. Discuss PLG support at year 6 Transition Evening.**
- 3. Discuss PLG visit to the new school site.**
- 4. School transport update.**
- 5. Parent/carer items raised to the group.**
- 6. Any other business.**

Summary of discussion and action taken

- 1. Agenda item 1 - Re-visit the April meeting action points and discuss progress made.**
 - In the April meeting the results from the PLG transport survey were discussed. 140 responses indicated that a child would be travelling to the new school via bus. These results have been shared with the South Yorkshire Bus Partnership and Development Manager so that they can be used in any future bus route planning. *(further updates provided in agenda item 4).*

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2. Agenda item 2 - To support our new year 6 parents and carers the PLG attended the year 6 Transition Evening on Wednesday 12th June 2024.

The PLG had two stalls on the evening:

- 1) Pre-loved uniform shop – Items were available for parents and carers to purchase. Items do not have a price with just a suggested donation requested to make this an affordable option for parents.
- 2) A PLG question and answer stall – The PLG felt some parents would like the opportunity to ask the PLG questions to get a parent’s perspective on aspects of school.

The evening was well attended, and I would like to thank the PLG for their time and support that they provided to our new parents and carers.

3. Agenda item 3 – PLG visit to the new school building

The PLG will be visiting the new school building at the end of June. This will support planning for the PLG into the next academic year to ensure we can continue to support families within the TASE community.

4. Agenda item 4 – School transport information

Mr Esberger has written to the South Yorkshire Bus Partnership and Development Manager, and we are still awaiting confirmation on the 43 and 44 bus. Numbers have been provided as evidence to why increased services would be required from the interchange to bus stops close to the new school site.

Mr Esberger highlighted the two services that are currently available and will be available in September.

22a – 7:40am Barnsley Interchange 8:09am Kingstone

22c – 8:00am Barnsley Interchange 8:15am Kingstone

5. Agenda item 5 - Parent/carers items raised to the group

- **Key items raised to the PLG below with the action to be taken by the school to address this.**

PLG question – ‘You said...’	Action taken - ‘We did...’
<p>‘You said...’</p> <p>When will uniform be available to order and purchase from Vortex the new supplier?</p>	<p>‘We did...’</p> <p>Vortex have informed us you can pre-order now via the website or visiting the store. Uniform will be available to collect from mid-July</p>
<p>‘You said...’</p> <p>Can you publish the INVOLVE evenings for next academic year please so we can arrange pick-ups and work schedules around it.</p>	<p>‘We did...’</p> <p>INVOLVE evenings have been finalised and will be: Tuesdays – Year 7 and 8 Wednesdays – Year 9 and 10</p>

<p><i>'You said...'</i></p> <p>Could there be a school calendar on the website so we have advance notice of when events take place throughout the year.</p>	<p><i>'We did...'</i></p> <p>Mr Allen will continue to send out key dates within his newsletters. However, we will also look at adding a calendar to the website so there is a overview available.</p>
<p><i>'You said...'</i></p> <p>Can we have a different skirt rather than a pleated one?</p>	<p><i>'We did...'</i></p> <p>The uniform policy will remain the same for next year.</p> <p>The skirt students wear must be a pleated skirt.</p>
<p><i>'You said...'</i></p> <p>Can the personal development opportunities please be sent home so we can discuss them with our child?</p>	<p><i>'We did...'</i></p> <p>The personal development opportunities information is shared in the newsletter; however, we will look at a separate PD information sheet each term.</p>
<p><i>'You said...'</i></p> <p>When a letter is sent out can it please state who the letter is for. If you have 2 siblings, it can be hard to know who the letter is for.</p>	<p><i>'We did...'</i></p> <p>We will ensure that future letters are clearer to understand who they are for with either name or year group.</p>

The next PLG meeting will be held in September 2024. As it will be the start of a new academic year an invitation to all parents will be sent out enquiring if any new members would like to join the group. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspects of the information shared, please email contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org

We hope the work of this group will further strengthen the excellent communication links between home and school and we look forward to working with you to support you and your child throughout your time at Trinity Academy St Edward's.

Kind regards

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