



# LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Little Gonerby families,

It has been a lovely start to term, welcoming the children back to school and also welcoming our new families across different year groups. The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and have already been working hard.

## Parent survey feedback

Last year, we conducted a parent survey focusing on communication at Little Gonerby and we thank the parents who responded. We would like to share a summary of the outcomes with you, along with the actions we are taking this year to improve further:

- A vast majority of parents were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the overall communication.
- A vast majority of parents felt they were 'always' or 'often' informed about what is happening in school.
- Most parents find communication from newsletters, class curriculum newsletters and ParentHub helpful.
- A majority of parents felt there were enough opportunities to provide feedback or ask questions, but a significant amount of families identified they would like more chance to do this.



| Improvements suggested regarding communication                                                       | Actions we are taking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| More opportunities to hear about what the children are learning / more class curriculum information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase in the parent events that are taking place – this term each class will hold a special reading parent event (details TBC).</li><li>• Continuing to use our school <a href="#">Facebook page</a>.</li><li>• Curriculum newsletters are now being sent home every half term (instead of every other term).</li></ul>                                                                                                 |
| More positive reinforcement to come home.                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New 'values' certificates in Celebration Worship for children who consistently demonstrate our school values.</li><li>• Weekly attendance figures to be shared with families to promote good attendance.</li><li>• Headteacher 'well done' post cards introduced.</li><li>• We are currently looking into linking all families with ClassDojo, to enable families to monitor their child's positive Dojo points.</li></ul> |
| Sometimes not enough notice is given for events.                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calendar dates shared at the start of the year.</li><li>• Calendar dates added to the '<a href="#">Calendar</a>' section of our school website.</li><li>• We know that families are very busy, so we will continue to share reminders of upcoming events in good time.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                           |
| Children at Brightstars breakfast club may miss out on some initiatives.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school will continue to share relevant information with Brightstars.</li><li>• For initiatives such as 'Find Smidge' (our attendance initiative), children at Brightstars are to be given the opportunity to take part.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| More opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions.                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback slips will be provided at events (parent events, coffee mornings etc).</li><li>• At our Parents' Evenings there will be a feedback/question box.</li><li>• We are looking at having a feedback/question table regularly on the playground – keep an eye out for this.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                   |

As always, we welcome any other feedback that you might have – please speak to Mr Hawkins or Mrs Gallaher when you see us on the playground if you have any suggestions.

### **Attendance**

We are continuing our approaches to attendance that have been implemented over the last two years, which have led to a positive impact on children's attendance. We are also excited to announce that Mrs Gallaher (Attendance Lead) will be speaking to some children across school and recruiting them as **Attendance Leaders** – this new role will help to promote excellent attendance and lead on whole-school initiatives.

Last week, one of our classes finished the week with 100% attendance.... a huge well done goes to **Willow Class** for this fantastic achievement. This is a great start to the school year and we are grateful for the support of families in making this happen.



Over the next week, all families will receive our annual attendance letters, reminding of government expectations and outlining our Trust policies around unauthorised absence.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Hawkins