

16th May 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for completing the survey on Target Setting Day last Friday. I have looked carefully at the comments and will be following up everything you said.

The issues are; homework, maths and literacy, speech and language therapy, social skills and anger management, home school liaison, travel training and requests for some specific subjects and training. Many parents didn't have any concerns at all.

Homework- I have spoken to teachers about this and we are going to make sure that we get it out of bags. I have asked teachers to set more challenging homework for pupils who need it and to generally set a challenge occasionally to see how pupils respond. We are going to check pupils are properly organised in PSHE lessons. Lots of pupils do their homework in school as they get help in the library. Pupils who do not return homework will get a chance to do it in the library and then they will get a detention if it is not completed. Pupils who need help will get it. If pupils need scissors and glue for their homework they can do it at school or instead of cutting out and sticking they can write the answers.

Pupils have Maths and English every day in years 7, 8 & 9 and 4 times a week in years 10 & 11. Pupils have specific literacy programmes and everyone does phonics. I will ask teachers to contact parents where there are concerns in these areas. I will ask Nina Williamson to contact parents who have expressed concerns about Speech and Language.

If you have questions about home school links the person to contact is Deborah Cummings and travel training is Vicki Snowdon. If you are not able to make contact with the correct person please phone me or the office and we will sort out an appointment. We have therapists in school who work with children with social and anger issues and we will follow up the concerns you raised. Your comments are very helpful and will ensure that we can do things much better. Thank you very much.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Lodge Patch

Important dates

Thursday 22nd May	Polling day- school closed
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May	Half term holiday
Friday 20th June	Last day of school for pupils in years 11,12,13,14
Friday 18th July	Last day of the school year, finish @ 1.30pm