



# STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## WELCOME BACK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FAMILIES!

### PARENT COUNCIL

We are developing a very close relationship with our community and are always listening to the views of children and parents so we can keep improving and enhancing our work in school. Following our successful Ofsted inspection in June 2015, communication with parents was identified as an area to develop further. With this in mind we wish to update our 'Parent Forum' to reflect the needs of the many families we serve.

We have renamed the group to 'Parent Council'; this will consist of a group of parents, staff and governors who are interested in the views of the school community. We aim to appoint year group representatives in the future but in the interim will use a systematic approach by inviting parents who are placed 10<sup>th</sup> on the register in the first instance; they will receive a personal invite to a relaxed meeting to share views and give valuable feedback.

We will also survey the parents and pupils views twice a year, please keep a look out for this opportunity to express your opinions.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS.

We are increasing the number of parent consultations from 2 to 3 per year, 1 consultation has already happened and the next will take place on the following dates:-

- January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – **WHOLE SCHOOL CONSULTATIONS** – afternoon/evening.
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – **SEN CONSULTATIONS** - day appointments.
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> – **Y2 & Y6 ONLY** – afternoon/evening appointments.
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – **YR, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5** only –afternoon/ evening appointments.
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> - **Y5 CONSULTATIONS** (additional for the 11+) – day appointments.
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> – **SUMMER OPEN AFTERNOON** (more details to follow).
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- **'DROP INS'** will also take place on February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - **ASSESSMENTS** will be sent out next week in our new 'easy to understand' format.

We have every intention of improving our communication with parents and we look forward to hearing or reading your views via our numerous ways of providing feedback.

Yours sincerely

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