

Parental questionnaire feedback

What you asked for....

Face to face parents' evenings

Our spring term parents' evenings will all be face to face unless parents specifically request it to be by phone.

Give more notice of upcoming events

Diary dates will be a feature of all newsletters from now on.

More information and photos of what your children are learning

All staff have been asked to put regular updates of what they are doing in class on Twitter.

Going forward we will send out overviews of what your child will be learning in school.

The website will be signposted as a means of seeing what we teach in each subject in each year.

More/longer after school provision

The governing body have spent time looking into the feasibility of this. As much as the school would like to be able to provide wrap around care, we are restricted greatly by funding and space and therefore unable to do so.

We have listened to the requests from our children and tried to give all children in school a range of activities to suit all interests and ages. These include: cooking clubs, chess, lego, choir, STEM, mixed martial arts, musical theatre, gardening, multi sports, arts and crafts, hockey, dodgeball etc.

In order to let as many children have a chance to experience a range activities we have to do blocks of 6 weeks. This is especially true of baking clubs which are always oversubscribed and where we can only have a maximum of 8 children at a time.

Revert back to paper copies for homework

We are trying to save paper and be more environmentally friendly. If you feel that you need a paper copy then please speak with your child's class teacher and we will do our best to accommodate this.

More trips now that restriction have been lifted

We are planning school trips as normal now. This will include two residential visits for classes 5 and 6

Reviving the PTA/ more parental involvement in events

Both of these things were severely affected by the pandemic. We are now planning PTA events for the spring term and summer term. We really hope that parents will attend these events and get to enjoy the full Gawber experience of sports days, summer fairs, concerts etc. It has been lovely to welcome some new members to the PTA, who are now working alongside our existing members in moving the PTA forward.

The car park being a cause for concern

This has been a concern for a long time. We have spoken with the police about it and they have on occasion monitored the situation but there is very little they can do other than remind people about parking considerately and not mounting pavements etc. The governing body are going to approach the council to see if we can have railings along the path to prevent cars mounting the kerb. If any parents would like to contact Mrs Bradshaw about a possible working party to try and address this matter further, then please email school.

How we organise extra support classes

At Gawber we have always tried to provide a quality education for ALL our children. Since COVID this has needed to be approached differently. In every class throughout school we have identified children who require extra support. In some cases these sessions have been delivered before school, as this is when children are 'fresh'. By doing pre-school sessions it also means that children aren't being taken out of lessons during the day. Every class in school have had pre-school sessions for those children identified as requiring this.

One parent asked why the 'best' performers were given extra sessions before school. This is because in some classes it is difficult to cater for the needs of all children with the adults we have in class. By offering some children a pre-school session this means they too can get the targeted support they need to progress.