**Parent Working Party West Tanfield School 22nd November 2023**

From the Governors:

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Working Party and provided such valuable feedback which will help to make our great school even better. The school is currently striving to work closely with the wider community and it was good to have our first discussion with parents. During the meeting there was the opportunity to review the Parent Survey completed in the summer term. There was a unanimous conclusion that the school offers a happy, safe environment where pupils do well, and we should be very proud to have such an excellent local school.

There were a couple of areas that required clarification and further information and these will be our starting point to address during our termly meetings.

The Behaviour policy was an area for further clarification from parents. This has resulted in a Behaviour Meeting earlier in the term, hard copies being sent home as well as the Behaviour Policy and [Behaviour Blueprint](https://www.kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk/AjaxRequestHandler.ashx?Function=GetSecuredDOC&DOCUrl=App_Data/kirkbymalzeard_n-yorks_sch_uk/SAP/_Documents/Blueprint%20Updated%20Jan%2022.pdf) located on our website. Paper copies will again be available at Parent Consultations. Parents felt that it was very useful to have the paper copy for reference and discussion at home.

There are a range of after school clubs with at least one each day, but it was felt this needed extending. Some are over subscribed eg Art club and it was suggested that they should run half termly rather than for the full term. Pupils will be surveyed for ideas and during the meeting parents put forward tennis, cricket and street dance as ideas to consider. Any further suggestions would be welcome if anyone has ideas or contacts for people to run them.

Knowledge of the progress of your children was highlighted as well as knowing what is being taught during the academic year. Consultation evenings are the ideal time to discuss these and the school has an open door policy should you wish to enquire about any concerns. Parents have been invited to celebrate their children at collective worship and ‘busy ends’. Class pages offer an overview of the curriculum but next term there will be a plan available on the class website with detail about all areas of the curriculum to be taught during the term. Parents agreed that the dates list and weekly updates found on the school website were extremely useful for diary planning.

This is an exciting time as we start out with the Parent Working Party and the opportunity to work and act closely on feedback on what we do well and aspects to improve. As always an area that was mentioned to improve was Communication however it was decided that given the current problems we are experiencing with both emails and the website we would leave that to our next meeting, rest assured it has not been forgotten.

Should you wish to join one of the meetings please look out for future dates as it would be great to build on this for the future of the school.