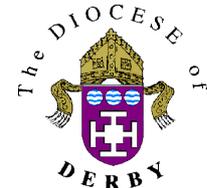




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 Together'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday, 23rd October 2018

This November (13th and 14th), we are introducing a new format for our parents' evenings, which will be known as Learning Conferences. The most important change is that all **children** will now be involved directly and included in the conversations about their learning. Please make sure that they are available to join you for your appointment.

The conversation will be structured around areas in which the children have made progress and their targets for improvement. We will show you what we are doing to address any difficulties and how you could support this at home. The teacher will guide the discussion, but children will be encouraged to show examples and articulate their learning. We will build up to this in class, and support will be given to children who need more help in communicating – don't worry, we will not just leave it entirely to them!

There is huge educational benefit in the children themselves understanding and talking about their learning and targets. We want to start a conversation which you can continue to have with your child outside the room and throughout the rest of the year, and involving the children directly makes this a real three-way collaboration between teacher, child and parent/carer.

Time is always limited in consultation evenings, but you will still have an opportunity to ask questions and put across your perspective, both in the Learning Conference and by filling in feedback/question sheets available outside the room. We can then follow up any discussions later on if necessary. For anything outside the scope of the Learning Conference, you can also catch teachers for a quick word after school on most days, or arrange a further meeting directly with them. We are not trying to take away any of your avenues for communication – quite the opposite!

We hope that you will see this as a positive move, but if you have concerns please wait and see how the new format works and give us your feedback afterwards so that we can learn and adapt the approach if necessary.

Please return the slip below to indicate any time periods you and your child could be available for the Learning Conference. You will then be allocated a 10-minute slot, if possible within your preferred times. We cannot guarantee to match everyone with their preferences, so please tick more than one window if you can, to maximise our chances of success. We will get back to you with a time slot by Tuesday 6th November.

Kind regards,

Daniel Sumner
 Headteacher

Name of Child: _____

Please indicate your preferred day and time for Parent/Teacher Consultation.

Tuesday 13th November

Wednesday 14th November

3.30 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.30

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