

Primary Parent Forum Meeting

The second of our Primary Parent Forums was held on Tuesday 19th October 2021. It was a pleasure to take time with a group of Primary parents and carers to discuss the Atlantic Academy Primary Phase. The meeting was held between parents, Miss Heppell and Mrs Hill. The following was discussed:

Assessment Weeks and Support for Students:

You said: *The assessments planned for assessment week were age appropriate. Parents were happy that these are phase specific and reassured that in the youngest years the experience is very different.*

We said: All assessments are tailored to the specific age groups - our oldest, Year 6 students, sit more formalised assessments. We discussed with parents that assessments still take place in the classrooms where students are based to ensure consistency for our children

You said: *It was good to understand how children with additional needs are supported through assessments.*

We said: We work with teaching staff and the SEND team to ensure all children who require access arrangements and additional support have them in place as a supportive measure. We emphasised that assessments are used to flag up concerns and ensure appropriate provision is in place to support students making progress.

Reports and Parents Evenings

You said: *It was helpful to see some example reports and to see the changes that have been made over the past couple of years. It was felt that the reports, alongside parents' evening, was a good way to have a clear understanding of where children are academically.*

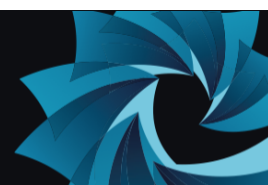
We said: We have removed rankings from reports and are reporting attainment and effort grades that were shared with success last academic year. We will be continuing with the same format throughout this academic year. All students are celebrated in our end of term assemblies which highlights not just attainment but also progress across subjects.

You said: *Many parents liked the virtual parents evenings - this was especially helpful for working parents.*

We said: We will be offering virtual parents evenings for Key Stage 2 students (Year 3 upwards) however this will also be alongside an after school session where parents can come into classrooms and celebrate pupils' work in their school books. We felt it was important that all students had the opportunity to share their learning with parents to celebrate their achievements. In Reception and Key Stage one we will return to face to face meetings assuming parents are comfortable to attend. It was felt that this more personal approach was more appropriate for this younger age group.

You said: *Where children come from split parent families can we ensure copies of reports and letters get sent to both parents.*

We said: We understand the demands on split families and if you inform our office of any changes we can ensure all communications go to both parents.



Healthy School Status

You said: *Parents wanted to praise the focus from Atlantic on both mental and physical well being during lockdown. It was wonderful to have running challenges in action as well as weekly treasure hunts.*

We said: Physical and Mental health is an important priority at Atlantic. Atlantic Academy has a Healthy Living Status and we continue to build on this mark. We will be once again launching Healthy Living Week in November and enjoy the participation of the children during the week. Our pupil voice at Atlantic shows pupils speak very positively about PE. They enjoy the lessons and understand clearly why it is important to be fit and active.

We will be working with parents moving forwards to ensure that all snacks at breaktime are healthy.

You said: *Pre ordering lunches after half term is a welcome addition. It means parents are able to have some ownership of the foods children are eating in school*

We said: We are pleased this has been positively received.

We are very much looking forward to our next Parent Forum Meeting which will be held on Tuesday December 7th. If you are interested in joining the Parent Forum please contact us via the contact form on the website.

Kind Regards

Miss M Heppell
Principal - Atlantic Academy Primary