

25/09/15

Dear Parents / Carers,

We had our first meeting of the parent council for the 2015/16 school year last week and are excited to be working with all at Bowmansgreen to try to make the school a fantastic place for our children.

We talked about the latest Parent View results and ways to improve communication between the school and parents. One suggestion was that Mr Chetty or someone senior from the school could try to be present at the school gates in the mornings on a regular basis, to make it easier for parents to let him know any concerns or problems. Improving communication with parents is an ongoing process which we will continue to focus on over the next year. We also felt it would be helpful if the school and parent council can try to raise awareness about the many positive steps and improvements that the Bowmansgreen is making at the moment.

We would also like to build a database of parents who are willing to volunteer a little time to support the school in various projects. This could be as a brief one-off event – for example, the school may be running a careers day next term, or on a regular basis over a period of time, such as supporting the new school science curriculum or in afterschool clubs.

We also talked about uniform – the dreaded white shirts which only stay white for the first week of each school year. One option is to consider changing the colour of uniform, although this has to be balanced against not increasing the costs for parents. We learned that in some schools, a uniform shop is run within the school itself which avoids postage costs and brings down the cost of uniform overall. Any possible changes to uniform will be looked into by governors and the parent council over the coming weeks – and we will be seeking your views on any potential changes!

If you have any questions or would like to offer any suggestions or feedback, please contact a member of the Parent Council team directly or you can email parents.council@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk. Representatives from the Parent Council will also attend Friday morning breakfast club – so please also feel free to catch us there.

The minutes of the meeting are attached.

Best Regards

Lee David

Chair of Parent Council 2015/16