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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I am writing to you to let you know what we have done so far in response to the information that was given to us in the parent survey which some of you completed just before Christmas.

SUGGESTION	ACTION
Make teachers' email addresses available to make contact easier.	This will be completed as part of the development of our new website.
Send more photographs home/ Parent mail app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As our website develops, there will be more photographs of events in school. Parents can now download an app which will alert them to new content being added. • Facebook and Twitter are also regularly updated with photographs. • A trial is to be commenced with a parent link from the Evidence For Learning software.
More notice of events/a monthly planner of events.	There is a diary on the home page which has upcoming events. All information sent on letters home is also available on the website, Facebook and Twitter.



<p>Sharing tips on how to apply techniques used in school with your children. Help with Speech and Language.</p>	<p>Stay and Play sessions are planned again for Lower School. There are also sessions available which are in conjunction with Speech and Language Therapists and also for the parents of those children who access our 'Purple Class' provision.</p> <p>We are also keen to share information via coffee mornings, parents' evenings and EHCP/Statement reviews. Staff are also happy to talk with you if you have concerns with which we can help.</p> <p>We will soon be running family Thrive sessions to help support the emotional welfare of our children and young people.</p> <p>Parents can also contact Karen Appleby, our Parent Support Adviser, for help or advice. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help; that's why we are here!</p>
<p>Active help towards respite in the holidays.</p>	<p>This is a tricky one as we only provide respite during the summer holidays. However, we will provide links to publications such as 'Disability Matters' and information from organisations such as Daisy Chain.</p> <p>The Children with Disabilities team are also able to provide information.</p>
<p>A session to talk to parents about life for our children as they get older just to make sure we are tackling these subjects in a way our children understands.</p>	<p>We hold sessions with parents and the school nurse, Mary Wyres aimed at pupils around the age of puberty. In the past we have also invited an outside speaker to come and talk about what can be a difficult subject for families and we are looking to do this again in the near future.</p>
<p>More detail in the diaries.</p>	<p>We really do appreciate that as parents you want to know everything your child has been up to during the day and we seek better ways to communicate this. We do try and write regularly in the diaries but in a busy classroom, it is not possible to guarantee this every day for every child. We do however ensure you that if there are any concerns, then we will contact you either in the diary or by phone.</p>

Once again, please may I thank you for your continued support? We value your input and suggestions and if you have any others, please don't feel you have to wait until the survey comes out again to let us know.

Kind regards,

Janis French
Head Teacher