

Redfield Edge Primary School

School Improvement consultation 2014-2015

Firstly, many thanks to the parents and carers who responded to this year's school improvement consultation. We had a 7% return this time.

Ideas for improvement included:

- More transition activities with a range of secondary schools for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.
- To have a regular after school club. (not sports club or one that runs sporadically throughout the year)
- To put ramp access from the Bristol to Bath cycle path.
- To reduce the speed limit on the Bath Road.
- To fence the school playing field.
- To give parents the new age related expectations for each year group at the beginning of the academic year.
- For breakfast club to start from 7:45 am.
- Once a term a special assembly to recognise one pupil in each class who always does the right thing in terms of behaviour, attitude and work ethic. The parents of these pupils to be invited in to the assembly.
- More open classroom days so parents can look at their children's work.
- Toilet training for reception. Midday toilet cleaned in EYFS/Yr1.
- Reception class to come out five minutes before the other children so they are not overwhelmed by the older children.

Priorities for development following the consultation

The school has worked closely with the Local Authority and Sir Bernard Lovell School over the past 11 years to maintain and develop the school playing fields. There have been two public enquiries which both found in favour of the schools. We continue to inch closer to a resolution regarding fencing.

The travel working party formed in 2014-2015 will continue to meet in 2015-2016. The group consist of teachers, governors and parents. They have had some major successes, managing to get the council to look at traffic calming measures outside the school and also to assess the cost and practicalities of putting a ramp access to the Bristol to Bath cycleway. Local government moves slowly but we have been assured that both issues will be considered by the council for the 2015-2016 budget period. We will continue to lobby our local MP, local councillors and members of the transport team.

Improving transition to secondary school is one of the nine elements on the [School Improvement Plan 2015-2016](#). The secondary sector in South Gloucestershire is undergoing rapid change at the moment. The signs are good that there is a much greater willingness to work with partner primary schools on a whole range of activities including transition. This is well illustrated by the emphasis the education partnership, set up to improve the educational offer in South Gloucestershire, has put on improving pupil outcomes for year 5 to year 8. This will inevitably mean improving transition to secondary school.

At this year's transition meetings for each year group held in September the new Age Related Expectations (AREs) for each year group will be handed out. These are the new expectations that will form the basis of the new assessment system which replaces SATs levels from 2016 onwards.

As part of their induction both Holly Class (Year R) and Hazel Class (Year 1) will be having a programme of lessons on toileting and handwashing.

The open classroom events were very well supported last year, especially by Key Stage 1 parents and carers. We intend to extend this initiative this year by having an open classroom event each small term. It is a chance for parents and carers to look through their children's books and admire the work up on the walls throughout the school.

We recognise that the school playground can become congested at the end of the day and that this can be intimidating for Holly Class pupils, especially at the beginning of the year. The government have recently introduced legislation that enables schools to change their hours without the red tape concerning broad consultation. The governing body will consider a change to the finishing time for Holly Class.

There were some excellent ideas put forward to further recognise pupils who always try their hardest in terms of behaviour and effort within the classroom and beyond. We have reviewed our assembly structure and are able to incorporate a new event. On the penultimate Friday of each term one pupil from each class will be nominated for positive behaviour, attitude and work ethic. The parents of each pupil will be invited to attend the assembly to celebrate the achievement.

The Governors and senior management team will give due consideration to all the other suggestions highlighted in the consultation. The school improvement plan will be developed in September and a letter will be sent to parents and carers outlining the areas prioritised for improvement in the academic year 2015-2016.
