



Lake Farm Park Academy

Parent Council

20th October 2015

What is a Parent Council?

- Drawn from the body of parents of children attending the school.
- Opportunity for parents to come together, share ideas and to put forward their views.
- To develop a positive partnership between the school and families.

How could it make a difference?

- **Benefits for children**
 - better achievement because parents are involved in their education.
 - concerns can be resolved quickly because parents have a positive relationship with the school.
- **Benefits for parents**
 - parents can share their ideas
 - get the support and advice they need to support children with their learning
- **Benefits for the school**
 - better understanding of the views and needs of parents.
 - parents involved in all aspects of school life.

Purpose of a Parent Council

- An advisory body - the Academy Council (governors) remain the decision-maker.
- Not a forum for individual complaints - there should be a constructive ethos

How meetings run?

- Informally
- Meetings organised by the school
- All parents invited to attend
- Usually once per term
- Held at different times (during school hours, evenings).

Discussion Items

- Academy Development Plan
- Work with families
- Fundraising and social opportunities
- Other items parents would like to raise

Academy Development Plan

- A key document for the school
- Outlines the priorities and areas for development over the coming year.
- Aim is to raise the quality of education that the academy offers to its pupils.

Academy Development Plan

- Attainment in Communication & Language is at least in line with the national average.
- Children of all abilities are effectively challenged.
- Attendance is at least 95%.
- Pupils have opportunities to take on extra responsibilities.
- Membership of the Parent Council increases

Work with Families

- Over to our Pupil & Families Worker!

Fundraising and Social Opportunities

