



The Firs

Lower School

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Re Pine Parent Feedback Programme

Dear parents / carers

In January, we wrote to you introducing the Focus Children feedback system, that we were bringing in. Some parents have already experienced this feedback process but for the benefit of anyone less aware of how it works, we thought we would give a brief explanation:

Each week, four children are chosen and they become the focus for evidence gathering through observations. Parents are invited to contribute to this process, which culminates in a feedback meeting, where we can discuss a child's achievement, in detail, with their parent or carer, including agreeing their next steps.

We feel that this process is of immense value to us as we are learning a lot about where children are with their learning and where they need to go next. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have fed back to us so positively, following taking part in their Focus Child Meetings.

We thought that we would write to you now, to set out how these meetings fit in within the programme we follow in Pine, to feedback to parents. We hope that the table below gives you a useful summary of this process:

Month	Feedback Activity	Notes
October	Parent Teacher Consultation	A chance to discuss how your child has settled in to the Pine environment.
January - March	Focus Child Meeting 1	Every week, 4 children, 2 from Acorns and 2 from Conkers are chosen to be 'Focus Children'. Following a week of observation, parents / carers are invited to a 15-20 minute meeting to discuss their child's achievements and areas for future focus.
April - July	Focus Child Meeting 2	As above, a second opportunity to follow the 'Focus Child' process including another meeting with the parent / carer.

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July	End of year written report	This report will cover all the Characteristics of Effective Learning and children's achievement against all the Early Learning Goals.
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We are confident that the Focus Child process, being such a thorough undertaking, involving valuable contributions from parents / carers themselves, is a real step forward in the quality of feedback we are able to deliver.

We hope that you will find this process valuable if you haven't already participated and we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their continuing support which contributes so importantly to the success that our children are enjoying in Pine!

Yours sincerely,

The Pine Team