

## **Edgewood Primary School**

Building skills and values for life

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## Parents' Evenings

Dear parents and carers,

This year the format of our parents' evenings will be changing to try and take advantage of the best elements of online and in-person parents' evenings.

Speaking to parents, I know many of you valued how much less disruptive the online appointments were for busy families and how it reduced the amount of time spent getting to school, waiting around for your appointment and then having to go home. However, online appointments alone lacked the chance to come into school, see your child's teacher in person and also see your child's work and that is so important for you and for us as a school.

To that end, we are going to be trialling a hybrid model this autumn.

Individual appointments with class teachers will again be online via Teams and booked online using our Bookings system. These will be spread over three days (on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> November) to give staff a chance to fit parents' evening appointments around their own childcare and other commitments. Please note all classes will not available on each day at every time.

The Bookings instructions and information will come out before half term to allow you to book your exact times. Please note these are 8 minute slots (though the system says 5 minutes). If your child has an IEP, their class teacher will contact you to make a longer appointment instead of the parents evening times.

Then, two weeks after (Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 4-6pm) we will be holding an Open Evening for parents. This will be an opportunity for you to come in and see your child's classroom and look at their work following your online appointment with the teacher. Teachers will be present, but they will not be able to have the in-depth or private conversations with parents on this evening so it is still vital that you make and attend your online appointment.

You will not need to book for the Open Evening, just come whenever suits you between 4 and 6pm. Please bear in mind that it is likely to be very busy at 4pm. This evening will finish at 6pm so please make sure, if you are arriving later, you give yourself enough time to see your child's work.

Ed Seeley, Head Teacher



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