COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COLLIS PARENT FOCUS GROUP

What is the Parent Focus Group?
The Parent Focus Group (PFG), which has been running for over nine years now, is seeking new members to form our 2024 Parent Focus Group. This group will meet once each half-term and serves as an additional body that represents the parent voice within the school. The meetings are hosted by Mr. Hogston, with parent members representing each year group. Members from the Governing Board and the CSA committee also attend the meetings. For transparency, a full list of members and minutes will be available on the school website. The primary purpose of the group is to provide constructive feedback, whether it's positive, negative, or neutral, to the school while acting as a 'sounding board' for future decisions on school policy. Although the group does not make school policy decisions, it significantly influences them. The PFG is consulted and its input is valued as the school considers a variety of viewpoints and feedback before making any new policy decisions.

What will be discussed at the meetings?
The agenda is open, so if it needs to be discussed, it will be. However the topic of smartphone-free childhood will be discussed at the first meeting.

How can I become a member?
Ideally, we would like to have around 12-15 parents from different year groups to form the group. If you are interested, please email Stephanie Knight at sknight@collis.richmond.sch.uk with your name and the name(s) of your children by noon on Friday, 11th October 2024.

The Objectives of the PFG are:
To work in a positive partnership with the school.
To increase parental involvement and be another 'voice' of parents.
To improve the learning experience of our children in school.
To help communicate issues to parents.

Details of previous meetings, future dates, and previous minutes can be found on the school website at http://www.collis.richmond.sch.uk/parent-focus-group/

Meeting Dates:
Thursday 7th November - 2.00pm
Thursday 16th January - 2.00pm
Thursday 6th March - 2.00pm
Thursday 1st May - 2.00pm
Thursday 12th June - 2.00pm – with Governors

Thank you for your interest.

KEVIN HOGSTON

Head Teacher