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Dear Parents/Carers

### Information gathering during Parent Consultation

We will be seeking your views on how we report to parents at our forthcoming Parent Consultation and I am writing to you in advance in order that you can give this some thought.

The Government, OFSTED and school leaders across the country are managing a recruitment crisis in securing teachers and leaders within schools. There have been revealing surveys demonstrating that teachers highlight workload as the biggest contributing factor to whether they remain in the profession. Within this, some of the core contributors are data management, excessive marking of books and frequency of planning and assessment.

Our teachers have been conducting their own action research this year into marking and feedback and you would have read this in Miss Irons' letter. In order that we can think about reporting and assessment we would really like your input into this, as we are keen to get the balance right. The balance of removing unnecessary workload and ensuring that parents are informed of their child's well-being, attainment and progress and know how they can support them at home. Currently, this is the school's approach:

Time	Type of information sharing
Early term 1	Meet the teacher
End of term 1	Parent consultation
End of term 2	Mini report
End of term 3	Parent consultation
End of term 4	Mini report
Term 6	Open evening and end of year report

There are of course opportunities to meet with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or via a mutually agreed appointment.

Therefore, we would like your views on reporting and in particular which aspects are useful and which aspects are not so useful in terms of information sharing and communication.

We look forward to developing this area of the school further and would welcome any further discussions with you during parent consultations next week.

Additionally, we will be reviewing our curriculum at our conference and we are in the process of gathering views from staff, pupils and parents. Please could you take some time to answer the short questionnaire at home using the following link to survey monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H97SCH9>

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

