



Monday 23rd September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming **Parent/Carer Forum**, which will take place on **Wednesday 2nd October at 9am in the school hall**. This forum is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to come together, share ideas, and collaborate with the school leadership team to ensure the best possible experience for our children.

Why we are doing it:

At Somerdale, we believe that a strong partnership between parents/carers and the school is key to a successful and supportive learning environment. The Parent/Carer Forum aims to provide an open and structured platform where we can discuss important topics, share school developments, and gather your valuable input. We will address areas such as pupil well-being, curriculum improvements, extracurricular activities, and more.

Forum Structure:

7-14 days before the forum.	Friday before the meeting.	During the forum	After the forum (within 7 days)
Online form sent to families to enable feedback.	Forum Agenda sent to families based on feedback.	Member(s) of SLT to update families on each agenda item and allow further questioning.	Summary of feedback and actions sent to all families.

Forum Dates:

Term	Date	Time/Location
1	Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	9am/school hall
2	Tuesday 3 rd December 2024	2:30pm/school hall
3	Monday 27 th January 2025	4pm/school hall
4	Friday 28 th March 2025	9am/school hall
5	Thursday 15 th May 2025	2:30pm/school hall
6	Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	9am/school hall

The date and time of the forum will alternate during the academic year to provide everyone with the best possible opportunity to attend and contribute to the ongoing development of our school.



Forum Rules and Guidelines:

To ensure the meeting is constructive and respectful, we kindly ask that all participants follow a few simple guidelines:

- **Respectful Communication:** Everyone's opinions and ideas are valued, so we ask that all contributions are made in a respectful and considerate manner.
- **Focus on Solutions:** When discussing any concerns or suggestions, we aim to keep the conversation positive and focused on finding solutions.
- **Stay on Topic:** To ensure we make the most of our time, we kindly request that discussions remain focused on the agenda topics.
- **Confidentiality:** While feedback is encouraged, we ask that specific pupil or family concerns be addressed privately with the relevant staff members rather than in the forum.

Providing Feedback:

Your feedback is essential to us, and we value your perspective on how we can work together to improve the school community. We are committed to listening to and addressing the topics raised by parents/carers, and we believe this forum will strengthen our communication and collaboration.

How to Get Involved:

If you would like to attend the forum, or submit a question then please RSVP via the online form below:

[Parent/Carer Forum – October 2nd 2024](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you there and working together to continue making Somerdale a wonderful place for our children to grow and learn.

Best Wishes

Chris Thomas-Unsworth
(Headteacher)