

BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parent / Carer,

The pandemic forced our community online and this was true for progress evenings too. Whilst this has undoubtedly brought many advantages over the traditional face to face meetings, there are also drawbacks too.

We have surveyed parents before and there was very much a will to keep these events online, but we have seen more requests recently to have a return to face to face meetings.

For that reason I would value your feedback for a quick survey that will take seconds to complete and inform our next steps. Outlined below are some of the regular types of feedback we receive and to perhaps consider before completing this survey.

BGLC Progress Evenings 2025

We are keen to work in partnership with our community and ensure high levels of engagement at these events so will be guided by your response. We are acutely aware that with any decision we will never be able to please all of our parents / carers.

Yours sincerely

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Face-to-Face Progress Evenings:

Pros:

- **Personal Connection**: Allows for more personal interaction and rapport between teachers, parents, and students.
- Non-Verbal Communication: Body language and facial expressions can convey information and understanding that may be missed online.
- **Immediate Feedback:** Teachers can receive immediate feedback from parents and address concerns in real-time.
- Stronger Community Building: Provides an opportunity for parents to connect with each other and build a sense of community.
- Less Technical Barriers: No need for technology or internet access, making it accessible to all parents.

Cons:

- **Time Commitment:** Requires parents to take time off work or arrange childcare, potentially limiting attendance.
- Logistical Challenges: Can be difficult to schedule a time that works for all parents and teachers.
- Limited Reach: May not be accessible to parents who live far away or have mobility issues.
- **Potential for Disruptions:** Noise, distractions, or other unforeseen circumstances can disrupt the flow of the meeting.
- Environmental Impact: Contributes to carbon emissions and resource consumption.

Online Progress Evenings:

Pros:

- Flexibility and Convenience: Parents can attend from anywhere at any time, making it more accessible.
- **Reduced Time Commitment:** Parents can attend at their convenience, without having to travel or take time off work.
- **Increased Participation**: May encourage participation from parents who might not have been able to attend in person.
- **Cost-Effective:** Fuel and time savings, alongside limited environmental impact

Cons:

- Lack of Personal Connection: Can feel less personal than face-to-face interactions.
- **Technical Barriers:** Requires access to technology and internet connectivity, potentially excluding some parents.
- Limited Non-Verbal Communication: Difficult to convey emotions and nuances through text or video.
- **Potential for Distractions:** Parents may be distracted by other tasks or notifications during the meeting.
- Less Community Building: May not provide the same opportunities for parents to connect with each other.