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Dear Parents & Carers

Parents/Carers Views: Our Key Drivers: Wellbeing, Communication, Independence

Just as Pupil Voice is very important to us, and we are trying to integrate it into our work as much as possible, so is the voice from home. I'm writing to ask for your help on some work related to your child's progress at the school

For several years now the school has had three Key Drivers underpinning its work: Wellbeing, Communication, and Independence. They're on the website and on key documents. These are crucial strands and themes for us because they represent the essential areas that our students need to do well in to thrive in society. We'd like your opinion on how your child is progressing in these areas

We use several assessments in the school, such as ones to do with therapies, traditional school subjects or themes, and Annual Review outcomes. But we would also, with your help, like to assess the students' progress on our Key Drivers, and get your feedback on topics being studied in order to influence learning and the delivery of teaching

It won't take you long each time, I promise! I do think that the best schools gather as much assessment on their students as they can from as wide a range of people as necessary, and make sure that all stakeholders are involved, so we really want to partner with you in this

What will happen

- The Class Teacher will send out this form 3 times each year, and may look slightly different depending if your child is in the upper or lower school
- You will hopefully send something back to the Class Teacher! (Thank you!)
- The Class Teacher, or another, will action anything that they need to based on your comments. The team will factor them into their assessment of how your child is making progress, alter their planning accordingly, and write the end-of-year report based on the Key Drivers and your views

That way, you will have directly contributed to teachers' planning, their focus on the Key Drivers and their importance, our overall assessment, and the end-of-year reports. Thank you in advance!

On the other side of this page is an **example** of the form that your Class Teacher will send you. It's in two parts: reflection on the progress that your child has made, and planning for what is to come. Please do write as much or as little as you like

Best wishes and thanks again

John S,
Headteacher

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example

Reflection and Planning

You	
Your Child	
Date	

Reflection on the term just gone

Did your child make progress, in your opinion, in the following Key Drivers? Please let us know, and if you have time, please do share any comments with us – these do not have to be lengthy at all! What we are seeking here is your opinion, so it’s whatever you think that matters. We have other people’s views too, such as therapists, teachers and others, but we want to know what you think as well

The Key Drivers	Progress: Yes/No	Comments
Wellbeing		
Communication		
Independence		

Planning – the term to come

Our Topic, Theme or Skills Area next term	[Topic/Theme/Skills Area here]
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Parent/Carer Views	Your Views
Personal interests related to the topic	
Areas related to this topic you would like us to include or be mindful of	
Anything you suggest we can access to support this topic	