

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to take part in our Parental Engagement survey. One of Nova Trust's objectives is to increase communication across layers of the organisation and promote two-way communication ensuring feedback is effectively monitored and acted upon. To link to this objective our school priority is to develop our communication strategy and empower our parental voice to support with school improvement and ensure our students continue to sit at the heart of everything we do. We are very grateful for all the feedback we have received so far to help us improve our communication between home and school in an effective and timely manner.

We continue to receive positive feedback regarding our half term newsletter which we endeavour to develop and improve next academic year. We hope to include events which have taken place inside and outside of school, our curriculum experience for each year group and their enrichment offer.

As you will have read within our last newsletter, we held our first Family Forum meeting last half term where the Senior Leadership Team shared with parents and carers our experiences from the recent Ofsted visit. We discussed the next steps of the school's journey as communicated in my letter sent on 26th April 2022. Please see below the feedback we received from parents who attended the meeting.

Our next Family Forum meeting will be held on Monday 13th June to discuss our Communication Strategy. With support from all stakeholders, including our school governors, we plan during this meeting to discuss our strategy to determine:

- when you will receive information from school
- what you would like to know about your child's school experience including their progress and approach to learning
- how you would like this information presented so you are aware of where and how you can access it.

In addition, we envisage the results of this attached parental engagement survey being shared with our parents and carers at a future Family Forum meeting so we can continue to improve communication with all stakeholders. If you would like to join our Family Forum, please email [contact@suthersschool.co.uk](mailto:contact@suthersschool.co.uk).

Thank you in advance for taking time to complete this survey. Please follow this [link](#)

Yours faithfully,

Nic Watkin  
Head Teacher

'I found the first family forum, inclusive, informative & extremely open and honest. The 5 SLT members present took onboard all of my thoughts and comments which in turn made me feel very much listened to as a parent.

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I am looking forward to future involvement and encourage others to become involved as this is the chance to have parent input & discussion in areas such as communication issues/improvements, proposed new policies, staff recruitment etc, to help our great school of choice'. Parent, Year 8

'The evening was very informative with open and honest discussions about the school between the Senior Leadership Team and the parents in attendance.' Parent, Year 8

'On the whole the meeting gave parents valuable information as to how the school is coping with the influx of students in years 9 and 10 and lack of support initially available due to Government funding.

I found it very interesting listening to the information given by Nic and the other teachers on the Ofsted report and the recent improvements made by the school.' Parent, Year 10.