

13 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PARENT VOICE FORUM – THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021 at 6:00pm.

It is my pleasure, as Chair of the Academy Council of Outwood Academy Bydales, to invite you to the latest meeting of the Governors' Parent Voice Forum at 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday 6 May 2021. This is an open forum for parents/carers of students attending Outwood Academy Bydales and we usually meet termly. The dual purpose of these meeting is for the Principal and/or other staff members to inform and update parents/carers about Outwood Academy Bydales and to provide a forum for questions and comments concerning the Academy.

The meeting will be held virtually via google meeting. If you wish to attend the forum, please contact j.while@outwood.com to obtain the link.

These are very challenging times for students and staff at any educational establishment and I know it has meant that parents/carers have necessarily become much more 'hands on' in their children's education than in 'normal' times. The Governors of Bydales have heard about all the amazing work that has been done by the staff of Bydales to ensure that your children receive the highest possible quality virtual education. Strategies have been constantly developed and improved and staff members have always welcomed feedback on your perspective of the provision that has been offered. Student attendance and participation has been exemplary and they deserve the highest praise for how they have adapted to these new ways of presenting teaching and learning.

All students have now been able to return to the Academy but there are, no doubt, many more challenges ahead for staff and students because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Your input is even more welcome in these ever changing circumstances and I know staff members have appreciated all your feedback and been heartened by the messages of support they have received during national lockdowns over the last year.

Although queries concerning individual students should always be referred to the Academy following the usual procedures, more general questions are always welcome at this forum. You can see from minutes of previous meetings, which are available on the Academy website, we address a wide variety of topics and welcome the challenge that these meetings offer.

If you wish to ask anything but are unable to attend the meeting, please email your question to me for inclusion at: p.taylor@bydales.outwood.com

Yours faithfully

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Mrs P Taylor
Chair of Academy Council