



BUTTERSHAW BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE

Notes of the meeting with parents held on 23 February 2016 at 6pm

Termly Report to Parents

The report was given and discussed.

Communication Improvements

Q Please can we have clearer text messages

A We'll look at making them shorter and clearer

Q What can be done to ensure that texts are not received to say a student is missing when they are actually in school?

A We apologise for this. We've always preferred to send too many text rather than too few so at least we can check with parents if there might be a problem. Nevertheless, we'll look into better ways of ensuring that this does not happen.

Q Can it be clear how to contact the school?

A This is listed in the Year Guides – copies will be put on the new website. There is also a contact facility on the website. For contact about absence please phone the switchboard and choose the attendance option.

Q Can term dates on the website be in list form?

A They already are; you can bring this up. We'll try to ensure that this format is the default.

Q Can letters about school trips and the like be placed on the website?

A Yes.

Q Will we be able to see homework set on the website again?

A We have a new approach planned for September.

Proposed Conversion to Academy Status with Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT)

Q Is there a choice?

A It is government and local authority policy, but the governors made a positive decision to choose BDAT.

Q Will our teachers be going to other schools?

A Not except to share best practice.

Q Will other schools want to send their teachers here and put their students at risk?

A Where teaching is shared it will be managed very carefully so students don't lose out.

Q Will it definitely happen?

A It is very likely, but not definite, as there are current disagreements around the school utilities bills. Our expectation is that those will be resolved fairly soon.

Q Is the delay because of finance?

A Ultimately yes. Nobody is willing to agree to a financially disadvantageous deal, especially where students' education is involved.



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Q Will anything change?

A The uniform and the branding will stay. The school ethos and personnel are unaffected. Change will always occur, but there will be visible change to students and parents as a direct result of conversion.

Q Will the curriculum be different?

A The curriculum is constantly evolving, but, again, no change is proposed directly as a result of conversion.

Q Were any other trusts looked at?

A Yes, but because we were working with Immanuel College so closely and it was joining BDAT, this was the obvious choice.

Q Can we not just stay with LA?

A No, the policy is not that all schools join multi-academy trusts. This is regarded as particularly important for schools like BBEC.



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