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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Meet the CEO/parent event

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. Thank you to those of you who attended the parent meeting with Philippa Sherlock-Lewis, CEO, and Birchfield staff on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Parents at the meeting were asked for their views and for their feedback on “what's working well”, the “wants” and “what we might aim to do more of” at Birchfield”. Please see below for a summary:

### What's working well:

- Positive Relationships with Teaching Staff: The sense of belonging and support that teachers provide has a direct impact on the overall well-being of our students, both academically and emotionally.
- Visible and Supportive Leadership: The school's leadership team is dedicated to being present and actively involved in the school community. Their commitment to supporting students and staff is evident in their daily interactions. This commitment fosters a sense of trust and unity among the school community.
- Children feel safe in school. This will always be a priority for the school and an area of focus.
- Promotion of Positive Values: There is a strong emphasis on instilling positive values in students. Strong character and values are seen as integral to academic success and personal growth.
- Developing Aspirations: Through various programs and opportunities, students are encouraged to explore their interests, set ambitious goals, and work to achieve them.
- High Expectations: Birchfield hold students to high academic and behavioural standards.
- The school has high expectation of school attendance for every pupil



## Wants and what we might aim to do:

- Parents expressed a desire to access more Arts and Music programs both in school and the local community.
- Parents wish for increased communication about community events outside of school, helping families stay connected and engaged with the broader community. Mrs Sherlock- Lewis, CEO, and Mr Farooq, Pastoral Lead, are working on developing connections and will be sharing vital information and opportunities.
- Homework: Some parents wanted more homework and extra communication when homework is issued.
- Curriculum understanding and communication: Further support for parents in understanding the school curriculum and an increase in communication regarding educational objectives.
- Parental Workshops: Some parents wanted more workshops to assist them in supporting their children's learning and development.
- Community Building: More opportunities for parents to connect with one another in and outside of school.
- Parents also worry about youth gatherings on the street corner and are unsure how to address this. The school will work with the community on potential safe ways to tackle this issue.

Following the meeting, the school will continue to work collaboratively with parents, staff, and the community to enhance the overall educational experience. Thank you to all those parents who gave their time and input. Together, we can continue to build on strengths and create an even more thriving educational community.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to the continued success of our students and the entire school community.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and working in partnership with us.

Best regards

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Trust Pastoral Lead