

You reported that the buses were working well, as a group you discussed the new bus routes and asked how parents and carers can influence some of them becoming permanent once the bridge is completed.	We confirmed that the bridge is reported to be ahead of schedule. We suggested it might help to contact WS School Transport / bus companies (esp' Sussex Coaches) directly and ask for continuation of services, we believe that they are keen to support this. We will also look at this later this half term when we will be surveying parents and carers - to support this process.
You said you liked the target setting process we had just completed for the first time with year 9 students and asked generally about setting / target setting / flight paths / benchmarking	We confirmed that all classes are currently mixed ability and recommended talking to your child's class teacher with any concerns over lack of challenge in any lessons. We agreed that we will add more information around how we are grouping students on the updates to the website that are currently taking place.
You said you were pleased we had managed to keep clubs running despite the situation with the bridge and buses and, as a group, had discussed communication re: after school clubs in general. You also told us that, although there's a lot more space now, some younger students were finding it difficult to get access to the football pitch at lunchtime.	We acknowledged that there are no after school clubs until the summer term but also said we would be happy to have some suggestions for how PRG would like clubs to run and agreed we could then respond to those? We understand that parents would like to see the timetable before or at least at the same time as students and agreed to share it as a ClassCharts announcement. We want to support year groups in mixing rather than reduce it and so said we will keep a close eye on lunchtime football and add additional clubs or staffing if needed.
You suggested the school look into using Easyfundraising.com	We did that at your brilliant suggestion and are now all set up here: we will share this in the bulletin too. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bohunthors-ham/
You discussed thoughts around Year 7 workload.	We listened to reports from families that Year 7 felt that they had relatively little homework. We have put a homework report in process and may take actions to ensure parity across and within subjects / teachers / year groups we will share changes in the bulletin.

You discussed the use of recycled cutlery in the canteen and felt that wooden cutlery was less comfortable to use	We confirmed that this is still a COVID measure from our caterers' risk assessment and agreed to ensure all families knew about this in the bulletin.
You said that families had some questions about the school guinea pigs who left during the school closures due to COVID.	We agreed to update all families in the bulletin. Oreo and Gingersnap are now retired, living a happy life but new school guinea pigs are coming when the weather improves.
You said you had enjoyed the tours of the new school and loved the building, you discussed more detail about how the move to the new school has gone. Everyone loved the new school, that was very apparent. You asked about the possibility of further tours, asked about adding water bottle fillers to the fountains and felt that traffic issues seemed to have eased and asked whether students' art and other work would be displayed in the corridors.	We agreed that the move had gone very smoothly and we are all happy to be in our new home. There had been some inevitable teething problems but we were really proud of the whole community in particular for the way we had all worked together to ensure students did not cross the road and we are pleased to report that we have had zero incidents of this. We confirmed that bus drivers are generally consistent (absences and holidays excepted), and that all are passed through West Sussex's safeguarding framework. We agreed that any current parent or carer who hadn't had a tour of the new site could contact enquiries@bohunthorsham.com to book one in with their child as tour guide. We informed that water fountains are being adapted to become water bottle filling friendly as soon as the adapters arrive. There will be artwork/students' work displayed, this will happen gradually.
You felt that the food had improved, and reported that students were very impressed. You requested that gluten free desserts might be expanded. And asked if everything that's available is on the menu that is sent out.	We explained that sometimes things are added or removed from the planned menu. That's usually because of supply issues or availability - menus are written and shared every three weeks and sometimes items are changed at the last minute.
You asked about the availability and use of school lockers .	We confirmed that the lockers still hadn't been numbered and we were waiting on this item on the snagging list. We reported that the lockers will be allocated as soon as they are numbered but students who intend to cycle/are doing GCSE PE/do a lot of sports clubs will be prioritised.

You discussed, at our request, what you thought about us offering a student receptionist role .You thought this was a brilliant idea and suggested that a half day might be enough.	We put a process together to start this scheme after half term.
You asked about BET Assessments, in particular whether you could have a revision and exam timetable any earlier prior to the assessments.You also suggested that we should have a clock in the room for assessments - some questions gave time that was allowed for certain assessments and some students may not have a watch.	We explained that we cannot do this as we are bound by the need for parity across all of the Trust schools, we all do the same thing and allow the same amount of time for revision so that the results from the assessments are comparable. We agreed about the need for a clock and have asked all staff to present one on screen in assessments.
You discussed, at our request, the start of a 'student peer group' to support students with academic difficulties.You said you really liked this and would like us to share information about this to all families in the bulletin.	We agreed to start this scheme after half term.
You discussed communication generally and asked if upcoming deadlines could all also be listed in the key dates section of the bulletin	We agreed to do this.We also checked through the archive of letters as some that have gone out to specific groups haven't been uploaded.
You asked about low balance alerts for school lunch funds, whether these could be a feature on school gateway?	We explained that no, school gateway doesn't allow this but that we have purchased a balance checker machine for students so that they can check their balance, so students will be able to contact home earlier if they don't have sufficient funds.