



Cherry Oak School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Cherry Oak Curriculum Review: How parents / carers can contribute

Over the course of the last year, Cherry Oak School has made significant changes to our curriculum to ensure we better meet the needs of our young people. We are currently undergoing a process of curriculum review, which means that we are looking at all aspects of how learning is organised in our school and then working out ways in which we can further improve on what we do.

Across the school, we are asking staff and pupils for their opinions, and we also engaged with the local authority and school improvement advisors in this work. We would now like to hear from parents and carers, because you know your children best. There is an additional focus on the Relationship and Health Education (RHE) for the school, and would value your views on what aspects should be included in the RHE curriculum.

On the last page of this letter I have provided a summary description of our curriculum. You may, however, wish to see more detail in the various documents that can be found at

<https://www.cherryoak.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/>. Key questions we are hoping to answer from the curriculum review are as follows:

- Our curriculum is knowledge and skills based, did you know this? Do you understand why this is?
- Do we meet our curriculum aims?
- Have we got our curriculum structure correct?
- Do you believe our curriculum is accessible and ambitious for all pupils?
- Do you believe our curriculum is well-sequenced to allow pupils to progress?
- Are there any common patterns or trends which are either positive or negative, or any gaps in content?
- Is the RHE curriculum robust, or should there be content taking out or content adding in.

There are a number of different ways that you can contribute to our curriculum review between now and 8th April 2022:

1. You can write to us or email your thoughts to us at enquiry@cherryoak.bham.sch.uk
2. You can complete an electronic survey, which a link will be sent out soon along with being posted on the curriculum page of our website.
3. You can participate in our Curriculum Open Afternoon on the **22nd March 2022**, from **14:30 onwards**.



On the 22nd March, I will be delivering a presentation on Relationship and Health Education (RHE) with support from some of our pupils who will be presenting their personal experiences of the lesson 'Life Skills'. This presentation will start at 14:35. Then from 15:30-17:00 the school will be opened up for all parents to visit all areas including classrooms, where subject leaders will be based to discuss their subject area with you and showcase our wonderful resources for you to have a play with!

We will be also having an attendance stand, please come and see what percentage your child's attendance currently is. Also if you have concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to come over to the stand to gain some support.

You are welcome to attend with or without your children, but they will be your responsibility throughout this period.

Outcomes of the review will be shared with all families in the summer term. I'm confident that we will be able to make positive changes that further meet the needs of all of our young people.

Yours faithfully



Ross Ashcroft
Head Teacher

PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIP TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Parent/Carer

of:

Attending RHE Presentation at 14.30 on 22 March 2022:

YES/NO (please circle)

Attending Curriculum Opening Afternoon at 15.30 on 22 March 2022:

YES/NO (please circle)





Is your child attending Curriculum Opening Afternoon with you:
(circle)

YES/NO (please)

OR is your child going home on the School Bus:
(circle)

YES/NO **Cherry Oak School** (please)

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