

## Parent Night Online Booking Consultation

### Parent / Carer Responses

1. Do you think parents being able to book their parents night appointments online is a good idea?

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● Yes	107
● No	2
● Unsure	11



### Selected parent / carer feedback

- My son keeps forgetting to get the appointments on his sheet!
- My son has a bad memory and struggles to remember to book appointments. This way I know for sure I will get an appointment. Also puts parents in control rather than relying on children to do it
- Be able to choose times suitable for both parties and ensure my child doesn't miss booking certain teachers due to their concerns. Negative taking responsibility from children
- If a pupil is off school, the parents could still make an appointment and not miss out.
- Parents could try and secure times and subjects desired
- Best in mind that by definition, parents who have filled in this online form will be more disposed to online administration. You're either going to need a very high response rate or go out to parents in another way to canvass all the views if you want to act on the responses. Also, the most convenient thing you could do would be to send a pro-active reminder of the date a month in advance, rather than assuming that parents know about the website calendar (most don't) and then sending the letter with a week to go.
- I would say yes to this then you could maybe leave a 5-minute gap in between as it never runs on time, as some parents/teachers take to long. Maybe a bell every 5 mins so they know that they need to move on.
- I think it would be worth a trial run. My daughter has been unable to get an appointment for tonight's parents evening as she was too slow and the teacher was already fully booked by the next day.
- Positives - you are able to plan the times to suit you, you're not relying on your child to organise the appointments, one less thing for the teachers to do so they can just concentrate on teaching your child

Negatives - You might not be free to book appointments as soon as the portal opens therefore you miss out on suitable times

### Next Steps

It is clear that there is a real appetite to try a new system of booking appointments. Please note this is not about having parents' nights online it is just about the bookings being made online. We will contact providers that are working with other schools to look at demonstrations to see what could work best for us. We then intend to trial this for some parents evenings next session. This may also lead into a further discussion about how to make parents evenings more effective, for this your feedback will be sought.