

Parents Evenings at Pittville School – “You said, we did”

Concerns were raised by parents at the LPPA meeting in July 2015 regarding parents’ evenings. Issues raised concerned the structure and timing of these evenings. This was discussed at SLT and action was taken as outlined below:

Context

- Parents’ evenings were held once a year for each Year group. These evenings ran from 6-8.00pm
- Parents were provided with five minute appointments to meet with subject teachers
- Parent evenings were held in the school canteen

With this context we wanted to ensure that all parents are able to attend parents’ evenings and are provided with sufficient time to meet with their child’s teachers.

Since the LPPA meeting in July 2015 and in response to concerns we changed the structure of Parents Evenings.

For parents with students in KS3, they are provided with a choice of two dates. These parents evenings begin at 2.00pm and finish at 7.00pm, allowing additional hours for parents thereby taking into account parents’ working hours and other family commitments e.g younger siblings ; collection from Primary school etc.

Parents are provided with longer appointments times if required and the choice of 2 days allows for this flexibility as students are dismissed from school at 1.05pm allowing 55 minutes additional time for parents.

The evenings are held over two venues and the option of a private discussion in a classroom or in the Learning Support department is also provided thus improving communication between teachers and parents.

External agencies are invited and involved such as Cheltenham Homes, Gloucester College and Families First to ensure that links with the communities are extended.

In the future we plan to:

- Monitor the successfulness of the new parents evening structure through analysis of parental attendance and parental feedback
- Continue to monitor the impact of this change on the attendance of our hardest to reach parents.