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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a successful year of hosting Parent Advocate Meetings, we have decided as a school to continue with this valuable correspondence with parents. Thank you to the current Parent Advocates, I am hoping you have enjoyed your roles and found our meetings beneficial and unless I hear otherwise, I would very much like you all to continue with your role this academic year.

I would really like to expand our present group by recruiting a few more Parent Advocates from each year group so we can gather even more views and ideas and share the responsibility.

## What are Parent Advocates?

Parent advocates are parent/carer volunteers from each year group who meet each half term. They act as a direct link between home and school by finding out more about how lessons are taught, how the curriculum is developed and what a typical school day is like for every child. The process is two-way; the Parent Advocates bring valuable information from a parental perspective and the Parent Advocates gain valuable information about school life. Last year, our meetings were via Zoom but we are hoping that in the future meetings can be held in school providing you with the opportunity to see the school in action.

## Main aims of a Parent Advocate:

- To optimise the contributions of parents as partners in learning

- For parents to gain a deeper understanding of how our curriculum is taught to be able to support their child at home

- To obtain critical feedback as a way to improve relationships between school and home and vice versa.

If you would like to become a Parent Advocate for your child's year group or you would like further information do not hesitate to contact me via email.

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I look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind regards,

Mrs McShane

