

## St Catherine's are introducing a Parents Forum, new for 2018!

The Parent Forum is an informal group who meet every half term – either a morning session (9.15) or an afternoon session (2.30pm). Each half term, discussions will be focused around a school improvement or change. It is an opportunity to bring together the collective voice of parents and carers in discussion with the school's leadership team and is a valuable way to influence, support and enhance the development and learning of all children at St Catherine's.

The details for our first Parents Forum are as followed

**When: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2.15 (please note the earlier start time)**

**Focus: SEND Information Report  
(as published on the school website)**



More information can be found on the new 'Parents Forum' section on the website or from the school office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Through discussion we aim to:**

- Work together to improve the education and experiences for all children
- Share information, knowledge and skills to inform future developments
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communications between parent/carers and staff/governors

### **We want the St Catherine's Parent Forum to be:**

- Collaborative: participating together for the benefit of everyone in the school community
- Productive: helping to identify effective solutions
- Transparent: keeping everyone informed of meetings and their outcomes
- Encouraging: welcoming ideas and initiatives to foster a positive ethos

### **How can families be involved?**

- Everyone is warmly invited to attend and contribute to the half termly Forum meeting
- Be active in promoting the forum
- Suggest areas for future Forums

### **We want to ensure a positive and respectful environment; therefore ask that those who attend the meeting:**

- Listen to others' views and welcome diversity of opinions
- Treat speakers with respect
- Act politely
- Contribute & participate appropriately
- Avoid naming individual members of the school community

Please note that the Parent Forum will inform school developments but is not a decision-making body. It is also not the place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents/carers should continue to discuss these with their child's teacher or member of the SLT.