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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer Forum Monday 11th February 2019

On Monday 11th February 6 parents/carers and Russell Matcham, Chair of Haileybury Turnford Governing Body attended our Parent/Carer Forum. The Forum focused on using Class Charts as an online management tool for Prep, Student Achievement and Behaviour. The Parents' Forum also gave parents and carers an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions as to how we can further improve. During this session, parents and carers offered their responses and the following is a summary of the views presented about our current practices and approaches about Prep (homework). As a reminder, the Prep timetable can be found on the school website at the link below:

<http://www.haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2016/09/Prep-information.pdf>

What works well ?	What can we improve upon ?
The information provided is clear in Class Charts.	Some work is only added to the Planner and is not available on Class Charts.
The instructions are clearer when Prep is set on Class Charts. The instructions are not so clear when they are recorded in the Planner.	Would like to see shorter amount of time given for some Preps to encourage my son to complete Prep during the week. A weekly update of the Prep if the work has been submitted.
Prep is going well and my son likes receiving the postcards. Lovely to receive post cards and phone calls – this sends a really positive message. Very happy with the post cards and Achievement Points.	More opportunities to bring the child's exercise book home so parents can check the work. My child is not always getting set Prep.
I am pleased with the support available for my daughter. My son is aware of Prep clubs on offer.	Make sure the Prep is given routinely, each week by all subjects.
Yes – my child does complete the Prep set.	Leading up to exams I think the amount of Prep should be increased.
My son enjoys project work that is set over a period of time.	Parents do not get feedback on Prep at the moment. Spelling mistakes are not marked and my son claims the school do not say anything about his poor spelling.
There are options to do additional tasks although my child does not choose these.	OK – some Prep could have a shorter hand in time as my son tends to leave his Prep to complete at the weekend.
Some subjects are more consistent than others in setting Prep. There does not appear to be a timetable.	The Parents' Forum is a great idea.

We will be offering another Parents' Forum on Monday 17th June; the focus of the Forum will be on our safeguarding procedures, including student bullying; and how we manage student attendance. We would like to welcome as many parents and carers as possible to attend this Parent Forum.

Yours faithfully

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