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Dear Parents/Carers,

Longmeadow is seeking to improve the way that we engage and involve parents in the progress of their children. We now follow the methodology of Achievement for All (AFA). This is a set format, formally recorded and is a nationally recognised process.

What is Achievement for All? Achievement for All is an award-winning charity that works with schools to transform the lives of children and young people who face specific barriers to learning. We hold the belief that every child can thrive socially and emotionally, and succeed academically regardless of background, challenge or need. At Longmeadow, our aim is to raise aspirations and improve the achievement of all pupils.

How are you involved? A parent's role is critical to their child's success – you know them best and they spend far more time with you and your family than they do in school. The ways in which you can help support them is crucial to them achieving a happy and successful future.

Home & School Achievement Meetings If your child is involved in the Achievement for All group you will be invited to an achievement meeting. This is a meeting that takes place every term between you and your child's teacher. The approach is very different from the standard 10-minute parent's evening you may have experienced before. The key features are:

- Each meeting may last around 30-45 minutes
- You will have guidance to help you think about what to say before the meeting
- Dedicated time for us to listen to you and your ideas
- Chance to explore your ambitions for your child
- Discussion about what we believe your child can achieve

The outcome of the meeting is that we will come up with a jointly-agreed plan that we will all work on together to support your child.

Who to Contact If you have any questions or queries regarding 'Achievement for All', please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school and speak to Mrs Alexander. We have included some Frequently Asked Questions for reference overleaf.

FAQs

You may find the following questions and answers about the *Home & School Achievement meetings* with class teachers helpful:

Why do we hold these meetings?

- to agree clear goals and targets for your child's learning;
- to listen to your concerns and your hopes for your child;
- to agree how to help your child do better; and
- to set up a clear means of communication between home and school.

What will I/we get from the meetings?

We hope you will:

- feel even more welcome to engage with the school;
- become confident that your views will be acted upon; and know how to help your child to achieve.

What about the school?

We hope that we will:

- improve the way that we listen to parents and carers about their child's learning
- provide better information to parents and carers about their child's learning
- use the outcomes of the conversations with parents, carers and pupils to improve the learning and teaching for all our pupils

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Katy Alexander