



SILVERHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the autumn term and prepare for our Christmas celebrations, we also have one eye on next term. We're ready and enthusiastic to launch our new topics through our 'Sensational Starts' in January, and additionally, we have another exciting project that we would like you to be involved in.

We intend to carry out a full and comprehensive review of Silverhill life!

We are very proud of our community and if you have visited school recently or if you follow us on Twitter (@SilverhillPrim) you will be abreast of the fantastic range of learning experiences our children get at Silverhill and how passionate we are about celebrating successes and individuality. However we still believe there is room for improvement!

We are going to give all stakeholders (children, parents, governors and staff in all roles) the opportunity to share their ideas on how they would like to see Silverhill evolve and prepare our children for life and jobs in the 21st Century.

We will consider all aspects of school life with one sole purpose - **'To ensure that the benefits for Silverhill children are at the heart of all we do.'**

In order to achieve this, we will review:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Our vision, ethos and school values.✚ How we deliver our curriculum.✚ How our children want to learn and how they learn best.✚ What do our children want our school to be like and look like?✚ What skills do our children need to help them transition effectively; not just from Early Years into KS1 and Year 6 to secondary but between every year group.✚ How to maximise our environment to support and celebrate learning.✚ How we promote healthy lifestyle choices and support physical and mental health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Additional to the academic subjects, how good are we at personal development and celebrating individuality?✚ Keeping our children safe in and out of school.✚ Our role in the local and wider community. (Derby/ The Midlands/nationally/ globally)✚ The development of school staff and school leaders - does our succession planning future-proof Silverhill?✚ How do we want our children and staff to dress? (uniform/sports kit)✚ Social, emotional, spiritual and cultural development.
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<p>✚ What do we want our school website and school branding to say about our school?</p>	<p>✚ What opportunities do we give our children to develop their strengths and passions?</p>
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We would love to hear your views!

We have set up an email address for you to share your thoughts: future@silverhillprimary.co.uk

Alternatively you can share your opinions through a letter to the school office.

Out of this process we will then invite a representation of parents from all phases to further discuss the school's potential future.

This will take place with all stakeholder groups, to ultimately create a team, consisting of representatives from our community that will feed ideas into the plans for Silverhill.

If you would like to share your thoughts and ideas then please consider these questions in your response:

What are the top three skills and attributes you'd hope our Year 6 children would possess when leaving Silverhill, ready for secondary school?

What elements to Silverhill life do you feel are precious and integral to our school's identity?

What would you like to see improve or change?

When emailing future@silverhillprimary.co.uk or writing a letter please put your own name followed by your child's name or youngest child's name and their class in the 'subject' row of the email or on the front of the envelope respectively.

Please feel free to share this letter with grandparents or other community members with a vested interest in Silverhill. Please submit any ideas by Friday 21st December.

I look forward to working with you on this exciting development.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Gallagher & Alison Roberts.

