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Dear Parents and Carers

New School Report Format

You may recall at the end of the last academic year and early in this one, I made reference to the fact that I would like to change the format of the end of year school report. I have had many discussions with parents and staff about the information in the report and how useful they are. Based on these, I feel that a change is long overdue.

As with our recent work on Relationships Education, I would like to seek your views as to the changes I propose. Rather than hold a single evening meeting, I thought I would give more of you an opportunity to feed back by sending out a questionnaire.

It is clear to me that the key information for parents is the 'general comment' which currently appears on page 8. In the attached example, this main comment is now the first information you will see. This is followed by attainment judgements in each area of the curriculum, together with an effort grade.

It is also my intention to have an additional section (as a separate sheet) which will be completed by the pupils so that they are given an opportunity to reflect upon their own learning and consider next steps.

By reducing the reports to a two-sided sheet we hope to ensure they are meaningful, motivational and manageable – the three key aspects of any assessment information.

I look forward to receiving your feedback via the attached questionnaire. Of course you are more than welcome to chat with me on the playground in the mornings or send me your thoughts via email (consult@whitehill.herts.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

Steve Mills
Headteacher

