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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our on-going focus to better facilitate children's learning we would like to invite you to our termly learning conferences.

Whilst we liaise with you, our parents on a regular basis through letters, the website, texts and calls, we also invite you to visit our school three times a year so that we can discuss your child's progress. Termly Learning Conferences, or 'TLCs', are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of your child. They are a fantastic opportunity to find out about your child's learning from both your child and their teachers.

Once your TLC has started, your child will show you a piece of English and Maths work that they have chosen to talk about with you. They will talk to you about their successes as well as their next steps in their learning. The class teacher will support them with this conversation as well as offering advice and support on ways we will be helping your child towards their targets in school and ways you can help at home.

All children have an individual, half termly, 10 minute interview with their class teacher in which their targets will be shared with them; these targets are shared with parents at TLC's; all children have literacy and numeracy targets in their books and teachers acknowledge successes against these.

We believe and research supports that children who understand themselves as learners will make better progress and achieve more. The TLCs have therefore been carefully designed so that the emphasis is around developing a shared language for learning between pupils, their teachers and parents/carers. As such, the TLC is designed to go beyond a purely 'academic' review of standards and progress, as it also provides an opportunity to identify factors which help or hinder progress and achievement.

TLCs enable parents and carers to support their children's progress by ensuring that they are informed about the learning skills that are being taught and developed here at Eastlands and plan ways in which those skills can be practised and nurtured outside the school environment. As a result parents/carers are better informed about how they can support their children's learning. Therefore TLCs complement and nurture a helpful partnership with parents/carers.

Regular communication between teachers and parents/carers is vital; however the TLCs are not designed to be a place to discuss particular worries or concerns that you may have. If you have any concerns or questions about your child at any point in the term, please do not hesitate to call as quickly as possible and make an appointment with your child's class teacher in order for us to address such issues immediately as these will not be included within the TLC format.



TLCs will be held in the autumn and spring, and summer term and there will be an open evening in the final week of the summer term to discuss end of year reports.

You can book your TLC appointment online through the usual booking system

<https://eastlandsprimaryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/> with bookings open from Friday 5th October.

Please ensure you have booked your appointment by 12pm Thursday 18th October as the booking system will then close.

Appointments will run from 8am until 5.30pm to accommodate your work commitments.

Years R, 1, 2 and 3 – Monday 22nd October 2018.

Years 4 (both classes), 5 and 6 – Thursday 25th October 2018.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Edwards.

