

# PARENT CHAT

24  
NOVEMBER,  
6-7PM

# SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

## Growth of Towcester

Group discussion relating to the growth of Towcester and new primary school(s) - how will Sponne school accommodate the growth. KN shared that the catchment will reduce and the villages will fall within other secondary schools in the nearby areas.

## Why does Sponne chat not encourage more parents to attend?

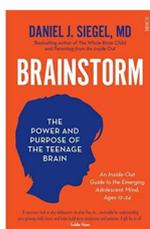
- Parents suggested that perhaps it was felt that Sponne is doing a good job, parents are confident with the care and education their children receive. The regular newsletters from IM are informative and well received.
- Parents take a step back when their child starts secondary school.
- Discussion regarding online meetings - it was felt lots of individuals are at a stage of wanting a break from online interaction and return to face to face.

## New Website

- Fits well as a phone app.
- Option for a search function - it was felt this would be useful.
- Can we link/sync it to social media - Twitter/Facebook.
- Parents shared that they do not all access social media so would help if it was synced.
- A parent tab to access letters for parents.
- What contacts will be on the website?
- Progress Learning Leaders and form tutors?
- Parents who attended the meeting were willing to be 'testers' when the new website was ready for its initial launch.
- Time frame for launch of website approx 3 weeks

## Toilets

- New science cubicles - unisex. Concerns about the cubicle doors - do they have gaps? Worries about privacy, cameras under/over cubicle doors. Update: Doors do not have gaps and the entrance is open similar to the toilets in W Block
- Loo roll supplies in all toilets.
- Students are allowed to use the toilet during lessons - getting the right balance. A concern shared about girls needing to access the toilets frequently/not delayed dues to periods.
- How long will there be separate year group toilets? Also split lunches were discussed? Update - This is reviewed on an ongoing basis along with government guidelines.



## Previous session feedback

Simon Aston recommended a book - **Brainstorm Author Daniel J Siegel**  
Feedback- *'It made me chuckle and I found it really interesting'*.

**Present** : Mrs Kelly Notley (Assistant Head), Anne-Louise James (Parent Support Advisor), Eloise Dumont (Marketing Executive-Tove learning) and two parents.