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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the past I have held forums with parents and questionnaires to seek opinions and discuss certain aspects of school life. Our next meeting with parents will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9am** in the school staff room. We will provide tea, coffee and biscuits and toys for the younger children. The focus for this meeting will be '**our school curriculum**', which we do publish on our school website [https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/topics\\_overview\\_20182019/274753](https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/topics_overview_20182019/274753).

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our school curriculum, how our curriculum *inspires, nurtures and challenges* the children, progression, trips and importantly your views about the curriculum and how you can assist in developing it. How well do you think we keep you informed of our school curriculum? Do you look at the class blogs? ([https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class\\_blogs/307598](https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs/307598))

One example for discussion could be swimming. Presently, we only take our year four children swimming and unlike nearly every other school we do not charge for this. However, should we take more year groups swimming? If so, we would have to charge, is this acceptable? Should we only take year six and the children who cannot swim 25m as this is the National Curriculum target?

With budget restrictions happening for many West Sussex services, schools need to engage with the local community as much as possible. I believe we do this very successfully, however there may be local resources we do presently use and we would welcome to hear about these.

Should you not be able to attend this meeting but you have comments or ideas you would like to be discussed, please email them in to [office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Carter.

The Focus Group is not in place to address concerns about an individual child. Parents who need to discuss these issues should contact their class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Abbott  
Parent Governor