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Introducing 'Pupil Voice'

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, Brunel School has been through a period of significant change over the past twelve months, and we continue to make daily improvements to our provision. It has almost been a whole year since our Headteacher, Vikki Alden, joined us, along with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Emily Johnston. The restructure of our Senior Leadership Team, along with our new Trust, the Special Partnership Trust, who we joined in September last year, has proven very beneficial for the school, as has our consistent, complete and skilled staff, and we are thrilled to see continued positive outcomes for Brunel, in line with our reformed school values and aspirations.

Our number of suspensions are down, our attendance is up, and we are continuing to meet the SEMH and educational needs of our pupils, through new initiatives such as the Prosper Programme, bespoke timetables, and attainment through the use of unit award certificates and qualifications.

This combination, along with our skilled staff, has allowed our pupils to flourish, and we are extremely proud of their achievements.

As you know, we wholeheartedly value the feedback of our pupils, which is why our school is called 'Brunel'; after putting our school's name to a pupil vote. We are therefore very keen to appoint year group representatives, who will act as key members of our brand new 'Pupil Voice' team.

This is your child's school, and we want their voice to be heard. Their feedback and suggestions can make a real difference to all the children at Brunel and wider community. Pupil voice has already led to the design of the new gym, the outdoor play area, changes to school meals, and the creation of the frustration station. It is a real voice that achieves real things!

Any of our pupils can become a member of our Pupil Voice team, and we would like to ask for the support from our parents and carers to encourage your child to speak to our Headteacher about how they can get involved.

We are really looking forward to hearing from your child and hope to bring you a Pupil Voice update very soon.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind regards, Benjamin Clark – Administration Manager/Senior Leadership

Ryan Distin – School Behaviour Lead

