

How can we improve our school next?

1.	<p>Next year, maybe you should introduce a booking appointment with the teachers for Parents' Evening, that way it would be very easy for both the teachers and the parents' and the event will run smoothly. We have tried this at various times in the past and this is an idea we often come back to. In our experience this works very well if everyone is very rigid with timing and doesn't mind if they don't have an allocated slot with all the subjects. In practice it rarely works out the way it should with so many people involved as there are often clashes and people run late. We find that the queuing system while not perfect, is the most efficient way of doing things. That is not to say we won't try appointments again!</p>
2.	<p>There should be more homework given to accelerate and they should be told to do more independent work/revision.</p> <p>All subjects are expected to set homework on a regular basis. Homework is set on a web-based platform called Show My Homework (SMHW). The frequency that homework is set depends on the amount of lessons the students receive in that particular subject. For example students in Yr 7 and 8 have Art once a week, so they will receive homework every other week. Homework is a mixture of set tasks, revision and independent study. We encourage parents to use SMHW to check the amount and quality of the homework being set and report back to the school their findings. We have a comprehensive tracking systems in school to monitor homework, however comments both good and developmental are always welcomed from parents.</p> <p>There should be more consequences given to child who misbehave or chat too much. They shouldn't be let off just because they are doing well.</p> <p>We have worked on our behaviour systems a lot over the past two years and we constantly try to make sure that we address all behaviour in a fair and appropriate way. To improve things further we have purchased a system called 'Behaviour Watch' to aid teachers record and monitor misbehaviour. Please see your child's planner for details of our sanctions and rewards.</p>
3.	<p>Include swimming in PE.</p> <p>Some children have Swimming lessons. This is something we can look into extending further however the way our timetable is designed and the proximity of the school to local swimming pools means that there is logistical hurdles to overcome.</p>
4.	<p>One way you could improve the school next year is by making the playground bigger. Unfortunately space is not something we can create more of but we try to use the space we have at playtime and lunchtime. This includes using the</p>

	sports hall, gym, astroturf, new basketball court and a dedicated year 7 area and different classrooms and breakout spaces.
5.	E-mail letters instead of posting. We are in the process of collecting all parents' email addresses and intend to start all emailing letters from the beginning of the next academic year.
6.	Children should be given at least 2 weeks holiday during term time, if they need it, without a fine. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise any holidays in term time. This is a rule from central government.
7.	<p>Retain experienced teachers and also recruit experienced teachers only.</p> <p>We work very hard to retain the best teachers and as a result we have promoted many of the best teachers in the school to senior positions. Our recruitment process are very rigorous, this ensures that we employ the very best teachers that are available to us. Sometimes the best teachers that recruited are experienced and sometimes they are Newly Qualified and come to us with new ideas and very up to date teaching knowledge. We have very high standards for teachers at Forest Gate Community School so we support staff who are performing below our high standards to improve. Many staff have left our employment if they have not been up to the high expectations that we have of all of our staff.</p> <p>Our results show that we currently have excellent teachers and we are the best community school in Newham.</p>
8.	Monthly newsletters. Dates given on a regular basis. We have sent information on a six weekly basis this year which we intend to continue next year, sharing by email also. All dates are on our website and we are working on a parents' calendar which will also be available.
9.	<p>Decrease bullying. We have very few incidents of bullying at the school. All incidents are logged and scrutinised by a member of the leadership team. We have student bullying ambassadors who work on peer mediation between students. Our students' behaviour is very often complimented by visitors.</p> <p>Need more revision classes. We have revision classes for year 11 every night of the week, on Saturdays and throughout the school holidays. These start at the end of year 11.</p>
10.	<p>More facilities in sports eg – Astro, bigger goals, more footballs, also revision book.</p> <p>We have an extensive clubs list for after school which are fully equipped. There is also supervised free play on the astro after school. Students can bring in their own footballs to play with. Revision books where appropriate are available from department areas. We have a number to borrow in the library. Students are also provided with online revision also.</p>

11.	<p>One teacher for the whole year instead of ¾.</p> <p>We try to keep the consistency of one teacher per class for the whole year as far as possible. In a large organization such as FGCS with changing demands on curriculum and assessment this is not always possible. We always put the student first when making any decisions about staffing choices as their success is our ultimate goal.</p> <p>More parental engagement. We have started coffee mornings every week for parents to come and meet staff. We are starting a 'Friends of Forest Gate' group to help with school events. We are hosting a 50th anniversary party for parents and other members of the school community. We would like as many parents as possible to come to our school events such as music evening and school productions as well as parents' information evenings so we are putting them on a parents' calendar so there will be enough notice for parents to arrange to attend. We are collecting email addresses for all parents so we can communicate with parents in a more efficient way.</p> <p>Opportunity for progress feedback with staff, where a teacher identifies learning gaps, earlier in the year.</p> <p>We are looking at parents' evenings and making them earlier in the year.</p>
12.	<p>The school has improved and it should stay this way. Thanks but we always strive to be even better!</p>
13.	<p>More technology. We have had a complete technology refresh in September which will include new computers, new boards in classrooms and Windows 8.</p> <p>More assistant teachers. We are in the process of restructuring the way our teaching assistants are allocated so that they can provide significant targeted support.</p>
14.	<p>I am happy.</p>
15.	<p>Phones should be allowed. Studies show that schools where phone are not permitted make better progress with their students. We recognise children should be safe on the way to and from school so we request if they have a phone it is kept out of sight in the school day.</p>
16.	<p>Let the children wear leather jackets. Our uniform is designed to be smart and practical. Leather jackets do not fit into this. Children should have an adequate waterproof jacket.</p>
17.	<p>The slip system should be scrapped and should be allowed phones and headphones. The slip system has made sure that our corridors are safe and</p>

	orderly. Students know what is expected and know they will be sanctioned if they are not following school rules.
18.	Take away corridor slips. See above
19.	I think that there should be more facilities available. Please see earlier comments
20.	Bigger astroturf. See above
21.	We should have Parents' Evening in March, so we can help children more with their progress. See above
22.	Phones should be allowed. See above.
23.	<p>Longer lunchtime, so that they are not queuing all lunch break to get something to eat. We have looked at our lunch times and ways of improving the queues. This includes snack pots at break times and other ways of serving the food in an efficient way including two new serving areas. This is no queue at lunchtimes with 15 minutes of lunch left.</p> <p>Homework Club after school at least twice a week. We have a supervised space for students to work every afternoon in the upper breakout space.</p>
24.	<p>Generally a good Parents' Evening. However, it would have if we received the report before the event.</p> <p>Time restriction doesn't allow us to do this from a practical point of view. Receiving the full reports on the day encourages some parents to turn up and speak to the teachers about their child's progress. We are developing a better reporting structure for 2016-17, where parents would be better informed about students' learning competencies</p>
25.	<p>Fantastic work! Thank you for all the help – just keep up the good work.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
26.	More space for revision. We have a supervised space for students to work every morning from 7:30 am and every afternoon in the upper breakout space until 5:30pm. There are spaces for revision at lunch time also.
27.	Be reasonable when giving out slips. See above
28.	<p>You can improve your school by raising the standards of teaching. You need to bring in more professional teachers so that during school, the students can learn more. Moreover, when teachers are absent, they (professional teacher) can replace them. Moreover, you could improve the school facilities.</p> <p>We employ the very best teachers that are available to us. Where instances of teacher performance dips we put in immediate support to develop the teacher concerned. Many staff have left our employment if they have not been up to the high expectations that we have of all of our staff. We have a dedicated team of cover teachers who are fully qualified teachers who are employed directly by</p>

	<p>the school to cover lessons, if a member of staff is sick or on training. The senior leadership group also cover lessons to ensure that they are up to the high standard that we expect. I would strongly recommend that parents visit the school when staff are teaching, to witness the outstanding lessons that are being delivered to the students, and to see our excellent facilities in use for themselves. Our results show this.</p>
29.	<p>Keep parents involved, eg homework etc – all of the time. All of our homework is placed on Show my Homework so parents can check online for their child’s homework at any time.</p>
30.	<p>Include more trips. We have scheduled trips in each faculty area next year and an educational trip day planned for all students next year.</p> <p>Ensure that teacher teach the homework, which they are about to set.</p> <p>Staff should be very clear about the homework that has been set. Instructions are given to the students on our web based platform Show My Homework (SMHW) To specifically teach the homework is not always appropriate, especially if the students are completing independent study. Many parents have asked for their children to become more independent in their learning, we have found setting homework to this end a powerful tool to assist this process.</p> <p>Some extra classes for the students who have some difficulties in the subject.</p> <p>We have extra classes from Y7 to 11 targeting students underachieving in key subjects such as maths and English</p>
31.	<p>A little longer half term breaks, please. Unfortunately we have to teach students for 190 days each year with 5 training days. We have moved what we are permitted to extend holidays but unfortunately half term holidays can only be a week.</p>
32.	<p>Try to add more variety of martial arts for after-school.</p> <p>We have a range of clubs after school including Martial Arts. Please see our clubs list on our website.</p>
33.	<p>All I can think of is, my child does not give me feedback on homework, so some sort of parental intervention to ensure homework plans. See above</p>
34.	<p>Try to add more variety of sports in PE, eg Baseball or Handball.</p> <p>We are offering more sports after school including Fusball, non -contact boxing and Zumba.</p>

35.	Less homework. Studies show that homework significantly improves student's results. We regularly monitor homework to make sure there is the right amount.
36.	Year 11's to stop pushing in the lunch line. Due to exams we allowed year 11s to go to the front of the queue. This was controlled and regulated by members of staff. We now have a sepreate serving area for yr 7 and 8. Teachers on duty work very hard to make sure there is no pushing in . Students should inform staff of any students violating the queuing rules.
37.	A bigger Gym. We have two fully equipped gyms to a very high standard. There are no plans at this time to expand.
38.	I would like more frequent updates about my son's progress. See above
39.	I think if school run extra class for Maths and Science or individual progress help unit, to track and give best help to students achieving their goals, would be very helpful. See above
40.	More after-school activities – mainly revision clubs for Eng, Maths and Science. See above
41.	Teachers should be stricter with students. Our Behaviour policy and procedures are rigorous and are enforced fairly. Our children as a result are largely well behaved. Incidents of low level disruption and serious incidents are rare. Any issues are dealt with swiftly and appropriate sanctions are given. More learning facilities. Please see other comments above
42.	By working hard and focus on task.
43.	Give more challenge to students. More activities. Please see other comments above
44.	HMC meals