



Our Ref: AF/SWD

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Vision 2030: Parents' and Carers' Consultation Meetings

We have made many changes and improvements to Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy over the past five years. As outlined in the Parents' Bulletin, I am keen to involve parents and carers in creating a vision of how we want our school to be shaped over the next six years.

Mr Cave and I are therefore offering a series of opportunities for parents and carers to come together in small groups, so we can talk about Vision 2030, hear your views and benefit from your suggestions.

Two of these sessions will be in school time and two after school; two will be in-person events, and two will be virtual sessions, held online. I hope that, by offering a range of times, formats and venues, everyone who wishes will be able to contribute.

The times of the proposed sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 22 October, 5:30 – 6:30pm: Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (in person)
- Wednesday 23 October, 11:00am – 12noon: Birtley Community Centre (in person)
- Tuesday 5 November, 9:30 – 10:30am (online)
- Tuesday 5 November, 4:30 – 5:30pm (online)

The format of the sessions will be the same, whether they are online or in person. I will begin by outlining our hopes and intentions for the school over the next few years, and the work we have already done on developing Vision 2030 with staff, students and governors. We will then have discussions in small groups, where you can contribute your suggestions and hear the views of other parents and carers. The last part of the session will look at setting out some practical steps to help us take the vision forward and make it come to life.

We will send out a link via email that will allow you to choose which session you would like to attend, online or in person, from the dates and times given.

If you have any questions about these meetings, please feel free to contact me at [principal@lordlawson.academy](mailto:principal@lordlawson.academy) and put 'Vision' in your title line.

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Fowler  
Principal

Trust

Respect

Courage

Ambition

## **A Vision to aim for: Parents and Carers**

- We understand our school's mission and values, and we support them
- We feel well informed about our children's progress at school
- We feel involved in our child's education, using the school's systems
- We work together with the school to develop our children's personal qualities, such as resilience, integrity, courage and ambition
- We know how to contact the school if we need more information or support
- We support our children to continue their learning at home
- We feel confident that, if we raise concerns, our voices will be heard and that we will be treated fairly and with respect
- We understand how the school's curriculum operates, and how it supports our children to make progress
- We understand how the school's pastoral system works, and how it supports the personal development of our children
- We feel able and empowered to be advocates for the school
- We feel confident that our views are represented among the governors
- We feel proud to say that our children belong to Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy
- We would recommend this school to other parents and carers

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