

## **S1 Learning Group**

**November 2015**

### **Points Discussed**

#### **1. Broad General Education**

Pupils were unsure of what this was and I explained it. They felt it would be good to highlight this at an assembly.

#### **2. Assessment**

We discussed the differences between how they are assessed at secondary compared with primary. The pupils made the following comments:

- Pupils mark their own jotters more often in Secondary
- Pupils are given more tests in Secondary but seem happy with that and that the tests in Secondary are taken more serious by the teachers
- Pupils find tests are useful to give them reassurance they are coping well
- Low scores given back from tests would make them focus more in class and wouldn't make them switch off. They are also getting used to setting targets for themselves.
- Pupils feel teachers are encouraging and help them to revise. They also like that they get time in class to revise (this is different to primary).
- Pupils feel they got more homework at Primary school but commented that Maths gave them out regular homework.

#### **3. Motivation**

We discussed what motivates them to work hard. They listed the following in the order given below:

- Teaching styles
- Tests
- Reports home to their parents

Other factors included: family, looking to the future, subjects they enjoy and relevance to real life.

The said that they are demotivated by:

- Subjects they are not interested in
- Work that was too hard

#### **4. Progress**

All of the group felt that they have made progress in all subjects since starting at Dalziel. Some said that they have covered bits of work in Maths and English at primary but stated that they were building on these skills and knowledge.