



Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, the main focus of this term's School Development Plan is the safe and positive return to school for our school community. As part of this plan, we have recently surveyed our children, parents and staff. Thank you to all those of you that took part and shared your views and experiences. We now want to give you some feedback to show you what people are saying and the actions we will take as a result.

PUPILS

Do you feel safe coming back to school?

95% of our pupils answered 'yes' they feel safe coming back to school. Reasons given from the eight children who reported not feeling safe included missing home and sitting closely to other children.

What has made you feel safe?

The majority of children mentioned that handwashing, their teachers and being with their friends has made them feel safe. Some children referred to social distancing, being in bubbles, changes to break and lunch times, windows being open and increased cleaning too.

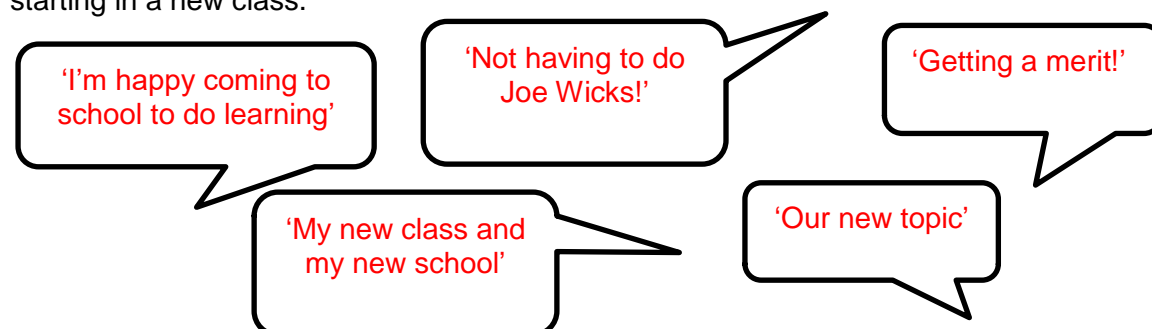


Is there anything we can do to make you feel safer?

There were very few suggestions from children around this question. Some children suggested sitting further away from each other in class, a few said having their teddies would make them feel safe and there was even the suggestion that we could make a Covid Killer Spray!

What has been good about coming back to school?

There was an overwhelmingly positive response from children about their return to school. Most children referred to how they have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers and starting in a new class.



What will we do as a result of what our children have said?

- Teachers will follow up with all children that said they did not feel safe and have a further conversation to support them
- Teachers will lead a circle time discussion to give further clarity over the organisation of the bubbles and how this is keeping them safe. They will explain again about how it is now considered safe for them to sit by their friends. This will be a further opportunity for them to ask questions and discuss some of the things that they have mentioned

PARENTS

Do you feel confident that your child has had a safe return to school?

97.4% of parents responded 'yes'.

Which measures in place have helped your family to feel safe?

Parents selected a combination of all the identified areas.

The three most popular responses were:

Increased Handwashing (73%)

Staggered drop offs and collections (72%)

Bubble Structure (70%)

Are there any adaptations to existing measures/ further measures that could be put in place to make your family feel safer?

There were a lot of comments saying that parents felt things had been handled very well by the school. The majority of comments suggested that no additional measures were needed.

Here are some of parents' suggestions and our responses-

Could the bubbles be smaller?

Due to arrangements across the school (planning cover for teachers, breacktime arrangements throughout the year, lunchtimes etc) we have to have the bubbles arranged as they are.

REMEMBER- for the majority of the time children remain in their own classes and only mix at certain times of the day which is normally when they are outside.

Can we have queueing markers to help with distancing?

Absolutely! We will try and arrange something soon.

Can you make sure that Inventors and Pioneers are safely on the path when lining up?

We agree that this needed to be improved and we have already taken steps to sort this.

Children now wait safely within the school site. Please remember to arrive as close to the drop off slot as possible (8.50-9.00) to reduce waiting time.

Can we have a flowchart to clarify when to send our children into school or keep them at home?

Instead of sending out one of the many flow charts available which can offer contradictory guidance, we would just reiterate the NHS advice to look out for the three main symptoms: high temperature or a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

If your child has one of these, please seek advice from a medical professional with regard to what steps to take and inform us of your conversations and decisions. We realise making this decision is incredibly hard as a parent!

Some general reminders taken from parents comments-

- Please continue to socially distance when on the playground or outside the school.
- Please follow all government guidelines in order to keep our school community safe.

STAFF

Do you feel safe coming back to school?

100% of staff said they felt safe returning to school

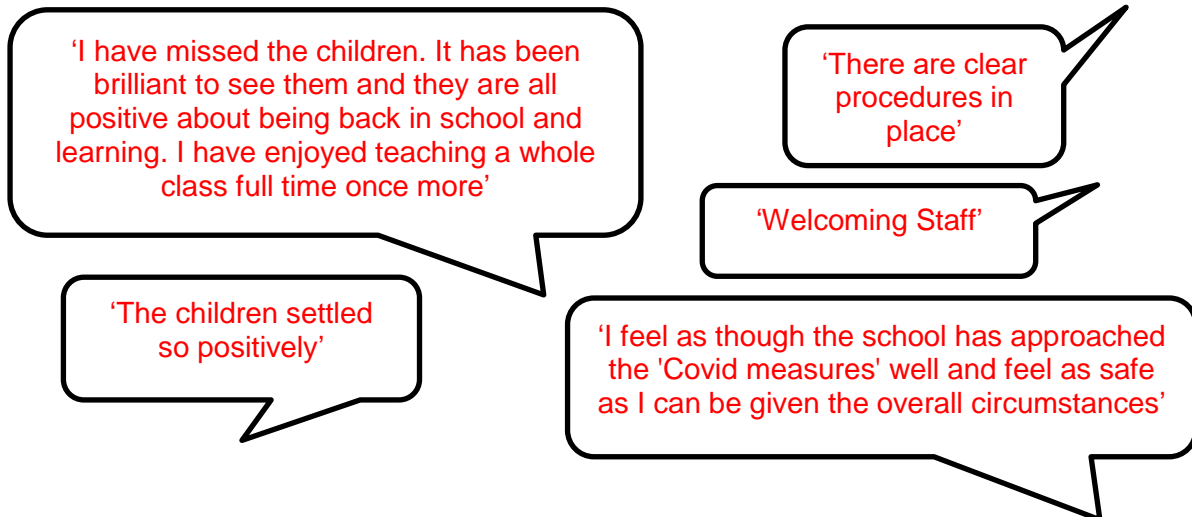
Which measures in place have helped you to feel safe?

Staff said that all the measures listed had helped them to feel safe.

Are there any adaptations to existing measures/further measures that could be put in place to make you feel safer?

Some staff mentioned a few things that were particular to their role or situation. We intend to work with them to clarify expectations and further support them to feel comfortable and confident when in school.

What has been good about coming back to school?



As you can see, the feedback from our surveys has been overwhelmingly positive! There are some areas that have been highlighted that we could further improve and these have been acknowledged and we will now begin to address them.

Once again, thank you for your engagement in our survey and your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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(Headteacher)