

Dear Parent/carer.

RE: CURRICULUM QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you so much for returning the Curriculum questionnaires. We have taken some very valuable information from the responses and aim to change a few things in consideration of your thoughts and opinions.

The questionnaires were extremely positive and it appears that you feel informed about what your child is learning in Cornerstones. You enjoy coming into school for the various activities we offer and are pleased that the curriculum is broad and balanced, offering a wide range of opportunities. Furthermore, you believe that school visits and enterprise days are worthwhile, and value for money, and we are pleased that you also see the importance of such days as it is 'offering skills and activities that some parents don't always have the opportunity to offer.'

Analysing the questionnaires raised the following action points:

- You asked that we gave more notice for parental involvement days – we will aim to do this in future.
- You requested that we send a letter to inform you of all enterprise days – Y4 have recently done this and we will endeavour to continue this in future.
- Many of you raised the point that school trips should be paid for by everybody. Unfortunately, not all parents had the same view and we regret that we do not have the finances to pay for children to attend school visits as there is insufficient funding in our budgets for the day to day activities – let alone visits. However, a majority of you do see the value of these trips and are happy to pay for your child to attend them.
- Some parents raised their concern over the amount of homework. Homework is a very valuable tool for assessment and furthering your child's learning. The home school agreement outlines that your child will be given approximately 30 minutes of homework per night. Teachers aim to set tasks which consolidate and further learning but this should only take a short period of time on average.
- Some parents state that the money the children bring into school should be kept by the teacher. However, we believe that, as this is a small amount of money, it teaches the children responsibility for their own belongings – therefore aiding independence in future life.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

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Curriculum Manager.