



WATTON AT STONE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Parent Survey sent out by Governors before Easter. It is a fantastic opportunity to gain a true reflection of how you feel about the school currently and, in line with last year, it is great to see so many 'Agree' and 'Strongly Agree' with what is being done at present. We rely on your honest feedback, including constructive comments, to support us in assessing how our practice aligns with our priorities and matching your priorities.

It is good to see that the overwhelming majority of your children like school and feel safe and are treated fairly. It is really positive to see that you agree your children are making good progress from the good teaching that is going on and that your children find lessons interesting and engaging. It is reassuring to see that you believe that the school is led and managed well and seeks the views of parents; we hope this has been enhanced further over this academic year.

As always, we are continually looking to improve our practices and have identified some important areas that need further consideration.

Despite a significant amount of work done last year regarding homework, we can see that a number of parents still feel that we have not got it quite right yet. Due to the varied opinions of the parent body we recognise that it will be a challenge to satisfy all views, but we will endeavour to capture your feedback in more depth to help us to move forward in this important area. To support this, after the half term holidays, we will introduce a new approach to gather more focused opinions from you and your children.

We recognise that a number of parents feel that there should be a greater range of activities and clubs for children and looking at the surveys completed, this largely relates to younger children. In the last year we have vastly increased the number of clubs available throughout the school. In our professional judgement we believe that the school day is tiring for our younger children, therefore we have not previously offered clubs to the Early Years children. In light of your responses however, Mrs Stevens will send a survey out to Early Years parents to establish your level of interest in potentially setting up short activities at the end of the day with parental support.

Having had the Requires Improvement judgement in June of last year, as a school and governing body we have been rigorous in reviewing and reflecting upon our practices in all areas. With a positive HMI monitoring visit and County review earlier this year, we continue to strive to be the best that we can be and it feels like this has been recognised in your responses. We are delighted with your positivity and support that so many of you consistently provide to the school.

We are glad that you like the class blogs that were introduced during the year to improve communication. A number of you have mentioned how much you like Forest school and this is all part of our curriculum enrichment plan - which also includes the development of our outdoor environments to enable us to grow fruit and vegetables and look after animals at school.

Thank you again for taking time to give us feedback and we look forward to working in partnership with you for the rest of this term and beyond.

Wishing you all a super half term,

Zoe Hussain

Headteacher.