



Learning Together

Newport Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since my last update in October the Federation between Newport CE and Carisbrooke CE has continued to develop. The governing body has been very busy: new school budgets have been approved and sent to the Council; governor meetings with staff have taken place for various curriculum subjects; both sub-committees have met and this week we had a full governing body meeting.

The various parent consultation evenings at both schools went very well and the outcomes of the parent surveys were extremely encouraging. Please see below for an overview of the Newport results. A few minor changes are to be implemented in schools to reflect your comments.

We've also had visits at both schools from our external Leadership and Learning Partner to give us a 'health check' and provide comment on our direction as we continue to strive for better outcomes for all children.

I had the pleasure of attending the nativity at Newport and Christmas show at Carisbrooke and what a talented bunch of young people we have! I hope staff, parents and children all have a restful time at Christmas and I look forward to the new term in January with anticipation.

Kinds Regards,

Rod Warne

Chair of Governors

November 2016

Parent Questionnaire

A questionnaire was offered to all parents who attended the recent parent / teacher consultation evenings. We had a very high return rate (@167) and received extremely positive feedback as well as suggestions for further improvements. A summary of the feedback is detailed below:

	Please tick	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Comments
1	My child is happy at this school	62%	35%	2%	1%	0%	
2	My child feels safe at this school	67%	32%	0%	0.6%	0%	
3	My child makes good progress at this school	55%	42%	0.6%	2%	0%	
4	My child is well looked after at this school	68%	32%	0%	0%	0%	
5	My child is well taught at this school	65%	33%	0.6%	1%	0%	
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	43%	48%	1%	7% *	1%	*mix of too much / too little comments
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	42%	53%	2%	2%	0%	
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	28%	53%	14% *	4%	0.6%	* all of these statements were 'couldn't comment as no experience of bullying'
9	This school is well led and managed	40%	59%	0%	1%	0%	
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	47%	50%	1%	2%	0%	
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	37%	55%	0.6%	7%	0%	
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	54%	41%	2%	3%	0%	

COMPARISON TO JANUARY 2016 (mini-survey)

	YES - Jan 2016	YES - Nov 2016	Strongly Agree - Jan 2016	Strongly Agree - Nov 2016
My child is happy at this school	94%	97%	54%	62%
My child feels safe at this school	97%	99%	53%	67%
This school is well led and managed	92%	99%	33%	40%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	92%	97%	39%	47%

The following responses were made by 3 parents or more

<i>Things parents think are good & would like to keep : (things mentioned more than once)</i>	<i>Things parents would ask us to consider changing: (things mentioned more than once)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ teaching ✓ mixing year groups up - enables children to make new friends ✓ community assemblies - getting to attend and be part of school life ✓ federation has been a positive change - more stability ✓ stability in leadership and teaching staff ✓ school community: friendly and approachable staff in all areas / very strong school ethos and sense of community / school feels like a happy place to learn and work ✓ relationships within the school community ✓ strong, stable and confident leadership ✓ strong presence from Executive HT ✓ after school clubs ✓ school app is fabulous means of communication ✓ daily mile for UKS2 ✓ early years - curriculum/ style of teaching ✓ schools deals with concerns and bullying quickly ✓ homework club for UKS2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ support for working parents (e.g. pressure on them to attend Friday assemblies, parent invite events) ➤ App updated more regularly - esp. calendar dates ➤ weekly newsletter rather than fortnightly ➤ more feedback during school term on progress and curriculum ➤ more info about federation

PARENT QUOTES:

“Love the school ethos.”

“Cannot fault anything [about the Federation] and think it can only be a positive thing for the school.”

“Children’s work is displayed beautifully across the school.”

“You get the feeling that the school really cares for the welfare of your child and the school has a friendly atmosphere!”

“Mixing the year groups has been effective as it lets the children develop confidence and skills.”

“I like that the teacher greets all children in the school line each morning – makes them feel acknowledged.”

“Early Years is fantastic – the learning through play is always inventive.”

“The school community is fantastic and the children clearly care about their environment.”

“I love the ‘app’ – it is informative and keeps us all connected.”

“Ms Marshall and Ms Wallace seem to be creating a very strong, confident leadership.”