

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear parents and carers,

First of all, on behalf of the governors and myself, I would like to say a huge thank you to so many of you for taking the time to complete the parent survey sent out at Easter time. We had 72 returns this year.

Looking at the feedback, we are really pleased to see so many positive responses – this tells us that our hard work is making a difference for your children! It is great to see that your children like school, they feel safe at school and also that you feel the teaching is good – these are all priorities for us as a staff and governing body. It is excellent to see that the overwhelming majority of you feel we ensure the pupils are well behaved, your children are treated fairly and the school is led and managed well.

In terms of your children's learning, it is brilliant to see that so many of you believe your children enjoy their learning, are making good progress and that our staff expect your children to work hard. We are pleased to see so many of you feel informed about your child's progress and staff explain how you can help your child at home too.

We are always aiming to improve and we look closely at the areas where our scores are not so high to see what we can do even better. A small percentage of parents (6%) disagree with 'the staff explain how you can help your child at home' and 7% disagree with being 'kept well informed about your child's progress'. A similar percentage (5%) have said that they disagree that school responds well to any concerns raised. The scores for strongly agreeing/agreeing with 'the school deals effectively with bullying' and 'There is a good range of activities..' are lower so we have looked at these too.

Regarding helping your child at home and keeping you informed of their progress, we have a range of opportunities now in place to help with this and we hope that parents and carers are making full use of these. We have information sessions at the start of the year for every class and we have our parent consultation evenings in the autumn and spring term – these are all opportunities to find out how you can help at home and how the consultation evenings enable you to learn about progress. Our blogs are up and running and provide you with activities you can do at home. We have had a range of coffee mornings and we have recently held two evening sessions on supporting your children at home with reading and maths. You are always welcome to come and talk to teachers or make an appointment if you need more help or information – we encourage you to do this.

A large proportion of you ticked the 'don't know' if we deal with bullying effectively. We have interpreted this as your child has not experienced bullying as we felt that if you would otherwise have chosen one of the agreement/disagreement boxes. We will be running a coffee morning session on behaviour and anti-bullying before the end of term if you would like to know more.

As for clubs, we do run a range of activities for the children and at a recent PE meeting she attended, Mrs Stevens was informed we do over double the amount of all other schools locally. Mrs Stevens and Miss Stevens are running clubs every evening and all of our teachers are also involved in running clubs too. We have also been training and supporting our children in running clubs and they are going well. To enable us to offer further clubs, we would need to bring in external agencies to run them (and this would probably involve a significant cost to parents) or we need to have more parents offering to help us run clubs. We currently have three parents from the whole school helping out with clubs (Music, Computer Coding and Pilates) and we are very grateful for this – we would always like more help. Please let the office know if you are able to offer your time and then we can increase further what we have on offer.

80% of you said the school responds well to concerns raised and 15% of you said you 'don't know'. As with the response regarding bullying, we anticipate that this may mean that 15% of you don't know as you haven't yet had to raise a concern. Please do always see the classteacher if you have any concerns at all. If you feel you need to escalate your concern please then speak to the phase leaders – Mrs Taylor for Early Years; Mrs Roberts for Year 1 and 2; Mrs Dowie for Year 3 and 4 and Mrs Fowler for Year 5 and 6. Mrs Gill and I will also see you should the concern not been resolved first by speaking to the classteacher or phase leader. We pride ourselves on dealing with any concerns quickly and effectively so please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any concerns.

Homework is another area we are currently working on and you would recently have received an additional questionnaire specifically on homework and how we move forward with this. We have had many thoughtful responses and we appreciate this. We will be using these to help us shape our new homework policy for September. So far, only two parents have indicated they would like to join a working party to help us with this, please let us know if you would also be interested in joining.

Finally, a number of you took the time to write comments on the questionnaires and we have looked at all of these as governors and as a leadership team. The relevant year groups have also received copies so that staff can read the many positive comments you have written and also the points for further development suggested.

We always value your feedback and we do use it to help us keep on improving and be 'the best we can be'.

Thank you again for your time and feedback.

Mrs Hussain

Headteacher