

You may remember in the summer, after the school sports day, parents were invited to complete a survey. This followed a survey completed at the end of the summer term 2017 and is part of our ongoing aim to understand how the school is doing and areas we can work on. Some parents and carers raised specific concerns about their child and the school have responded to those straight away. In this 'statement' we set out a summary of the findings of the survey and set out the areas we want to work on. If you would like the full report on the findings of the survey please contact the office.

What you said is going well

- 100% of those who responded agreed their children feel both happy and safe at school
- 98% felt their child is taught well
- 97% agreed they would recommend the school and 70% of those people strongly agreed
- 95% felt their child is making good progress
- 92% thought that the school is well led and managed

Some of the comments which were made on the 'good things' about the school

- The school provides an inclusive and happy atmosphere with a strong sense of community
- Children are treated as individuals, are encouraged to grow in confidence and feel valued as individuals.
- The school's outdoor activities

What you said needed improvement

- Communication around the organisation of events (in particular by text message). Those who picked this up said they would prefer fewer, more succinct messages through one delivery system with fewer last-minute changes
- Some (17% of those who responded) felt they do not receive enough information on their child's progress
- 11% of those parents and carers who responded thought the homework was not always appropriate
- Some (10% of those who responded) did not agree that the school responds well to concerns which were raised
- There was a mixed response to the handling of 'bullying', with 3 respondents seeing this as an issue and a further 2 singling it out as an area the school handles particularly well

What happens and what we'll do now

- We recognise how important it is for parents to access information and be able to communicate with the staff team. In a Governor Statement in January 2017 we set out a 'quick guide' on how to access information and communicate with the school staff team – this can be found on the 'Governor' section of the website
- The staff team are continually looking at ways to monitor children's progress. The minutes of the Governor 'Teaching and Learning' Committee show the reported trends

in children's progress, (these minutes can be found on the website in the Governor section). Children's progress against year group objectives and in line with age related expectations are shared at the Spring parents evening, using 'Target Tracker' data. There is a report at the end of the year which feeds back children's progress and attainment.

- Homework is linked to the year group expectations from the National Curriculum for that year group in mathematical facts and spellings. The learning log offers the parents and children a choice of more creative activities linked to their themed work from class. The Pupil Support Committee are looking at ways to make homework more accessible.
- Responding to concerns raised - general concerns should be raised first with the class teacher, then the Key Stage Leader (Mr Hampson for Key Stage 1 and Mr Fisk for Key Stage 2) if you're still concerned you can make an appointment to see the Head Teacher. It's important parents let school know if they are not satisfied so a solution can be found.
- Responding to bullying is something which the school takes very seriously as set out in the anti-bullying policy which can be found on the website. The Pupil Support Committee of the Governors is responsible for monitoring this policy and will continue to do so in light of incidents and examples of good practice.

Want to get involved?

We currently have space for 2 Parent Governors. If you are interested in getting involved please contact either Julia Dickson or the Chair of Governors, Sarah Morgan. They will be able to tell you what is involved and the process for elections, if these are required. You can leave a message at the Office or e mail via the school website if you are interested.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!

The Governors would like to thank you for your feedback as it gives us invaluable information on how parents and carers feel things are going at the school.

The School and Governors welcome feedback from parents at any time. You can do this by sending a message via the school website, writing to the school or sending comments to 'Parents View', an Ofsted comments forum.