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Dear Parents

First of all, I thought that I would let you know that the children have settled really well and so far we have had no major anxieties. It is so lovely to be able to hear the children chatting, laughing and playing and I am sure it must be a huge relief to you to know that they are back at school. As you can appreciate, last week was incredibly busy for everyone so I would like to say many thanks for your continuous support for the school and the work that we do.

I know that we are all facing very challenging times and for many families the economic fallout of the pandemic is particularly difficult. It is, therefore, with much appreciation that all the staff would like to say a huge thank you to the families who have, and continue to, raise funds for our 'Spring into Spring Activity PTA Challenge' in raising funds for a running track. Your donations, however small, will make a real difference to our aim – a proper running track for our children. As of today the children have raised £1,718, which is quite remarkable. Thank you once more.

I will continue to keep you updated via my letters and newsletters but today I would like to share with you results of our survey that you kindly completed just before the children returned to school. We, as a school, need to evaluate our remote learning provision and you - parents - kindly helped us by answering questions related to it. Overall the survey highlighted many positive aspects of our provision and I am proud of the work that our staff completed during that time.

180 of you replied to our survey -73% of the school's population. 135 families agreed that the amount of work was right, 43 stated that it was right sometimes and 2 families disagreed with the above statement. Whilst I fully appreciate that for some families the amount may not have been correct, please bear in mind that some children have a tendency to rush work and perhaps their output is not what we would have expected at the school.

148 of you (82%) stated that the work provided by the class teachers was at the right level for your child. 28 families stated that it was sometimes and 4 families disagreed with this statement.

The overwhelming majority of you stated that staff provided timely and supportive feedback to pupils (89%), 17 families felt that this was right sometimes and 3 families disagreed with that statement. Perhaps I need to explain that feedback related to pupils, not feedback to parents informing them about their child's work and progress. This will happen during the forthcoming Parent/Teacher meetings.

161 families stated that overall they were satisfied with our provision and 19 families stated that they were satisfied sometimes. No family stated that they were dissatisfied with provision provided by the school.

We will accept all the compliments with enormous pride and take any constructive criticism 'on board' and learn from it in order to improve our practice even further. However, I sincerely hope that we will not have to close the school for the majority of our pupils ever again and as the rates of infection continues to fall – I also hope that we will not have to self-isolate any of our 'bubbles.'

Many thanks once more for your support and feedback.

With best wishes

Dorota Milner
Headteacher



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