

September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will remember having completed a Parent Questionnaire in the summer term. Rather belatedly – and with our sincere apologies for the delay – we are pleased to share with you the results of the survey.

In all, 22 surveys were returned (some parents/carers had completed one survey for more than one child). The full breakdown of the survey is available online, however, to summarise:

- A fantastic 100% respondents agreed or strongly agreed with 9 of the 15 statements, including those relating to quality of teaching and children feeling safe in school.
- In response to the remaining 6 statements:
  - 95.5% parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child was happy at school and that children were given the appropriate amount of homework. The remaining 4.5% in each case replied that they didn't know.

Homework is a difficult one as some families wish for more while others wish for less. What we always aim to do is speak with families about how they can help and share specific work where we feel this is important. We are reviewing the Homework policy this Spring and will share any developments in summer term 2020.

- Whilst 73% respondents told us that school dealt effectively with bullying, 27% respondents didn't know whether this was the case. While governors sincerely hope that this is because respondents had no experience of bullying in school, we will endeavor to follow this up and to look again at this in the near future.

During anti bullying week this year the children completed specific work about Bullying and they articulated clearly that Bullying is not allowed to take place in our school. As with every school nationwide children can be unkind to one another and children get upset and I am pleased to say due to the care and excellent knowledge of the children from all the staff in school any concerns of bullying would be addressed immediately and support put in place for any child demonstrating bullying behavior or any child being the victim of bullying. Since my appointment in April 2019 we have had no concerns raised over bullying and I know that this was the same prior to my appointment. In Spring term we will share the Anti Bullying policy on our website and hopefully for those who were not aware of how bullying is managed, this will give confidence of the school's procedures.

- 91% respondents agreed or strongly agreed that school responded to questions or concerns raised about their child. 4.5% disagreed that this was the case and one indicated an indifferent response. Obviously, governors would love 100% parents to agree or strongly agree that school follows up adequately on concerns raised by parents or carers about their children and where possible, parents will be contacted to discuss the points raised.

We offer an open door policy and teachers regularly meet families if any concerns are raised relating to academic needs or equally any social, emotional or medical needs. We really hope in the future we can ensure that 100% of parents are happy with the support from school relating to concerns.

- 91% respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the school was well supported by the wider school community. 4.5% disagreed, citing difficulties in recruiting help for the PTA as part justification for this response. 4.5% respondents didn't know whether the school was well supported by the wider community.

Building strong links and receiving community support is really important and since joining school I agree with the 91% that community support is strong.

- Finally, 59% respondents agreed or strongly agreed that school was well led, with the remaining 41% indicating that they "didn't know". The survey was of course conducted just a few weeks after the appointment of Miss Ainsley and Mrs Gray and many parents commented that it was simply too early for them to have formed a judgement on this.

I recognise this was very difficult to answer as due to new leadership including myself, Mrs Gray and many new governors.

Governors genuinely appreciate parents and carers having taken the time to respond to the questionnaire. It forms a vital part of our work to support school and to work out not only what we are getting right but also where we can all do better. While there is never room for complacency, the results of the survey are very positive and this was also echoed by the wealth of lovely comments which were also recorded. There were also a number of suggestions as to how we can do things better and we have taken these on board and are taking action where appropriate. For the full anonymized breakdown of the survey, including the additional comments, please see the school website.

Please look out for another questionnaire in the Spring term and give us your feedback. You can do this anonymously or give your name and contact details if you would like us to follow up any of the points you raise.

Thank you once again for your continued support for school.

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Governor

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