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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to the very many parents/carers who completed the recent Parent View questionnaires. Outlined below are the key results from the survey which you can also see on the charts attached.

Over 90% of responses indicated that you agreed, or strongly agreed that:

- children are happy & safe at school,
- children are well taught & making good progress
- the communication that you receive from school is good
- you would recommend the school to others

Over 80% of responses indicated that you agreed or strongly agreed that:

- your child receives appropriate homework for their age
- there is evidence of good leadership and management in the changes and improvements
- you receive valuable information on your child's progress
- the school responds well to issues you raise

We had a fantastic response rate with an increase from 65 to 167 against the previous survey in 2015. This means that over a third of all parents of children in the school responded which gives a significant response rate from which to draw conclusions. The central focus of the school continues to be on becoming an outstanding school by being the school of choice for pupils, families and staff and the results of this survey support that parents also have that same desire. Outlined below are the key results from the survey which you can also see on the charts attached.

Of course there are always improvements that can be made and we particularly appreciated some of the comments which provided practical suggestions of areas you'd like to see improved further and also specific examples of where we've not always met expectations. These included:

- The regular email updates and 'build a profile' report in the foundation stage is really well liked and some parents commented that they would like to see similar updates across the school. There is a clear desire for parents to understand how their children are progressing throughout school, especially where there are areas they may need additional help.
- Parents forums to hear parents ideas and an opportunity to speak to staff, separate to the Friday morning hub session, which received some great feedback
- More notice is required for after school meetings & events to enable parents to plan their schedules
- Some more information on the rationale behind why we have split classes, how they are selected and how subjects are taught in these classes.
- Ensure that all communication (letter, email or text) are clear and relevant



- Some consideration around the 11+ for those that are considering and/or working towards it
- A higher proportion than in any other category felt that homework was not always at the right level and there were suggestions that homework clubs for all years would be useful
- Stronger links with other schools in the area

Some of these suggestions are already incorporated into the school action plan and Governors and the Senior Leadership Team have started to discuss whether other areas are in line with the schools overarching aim of becoming an outstanding school. We expect to provide updates on those which are practical to take forwards in due course.

For those who kindly offered to help in some way within the school, the school will be in touch shortly, if they've not done so already. We also received a number of offers for help without names, so if you've not heard in the next few weeks then perhaps you could get in touch!

Yours Sincerely

Matt Blake
Chair of Education Committee

