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## Results of Parental Questionnaire 2015-16

Thank you to everyone who completed the parental survey.

**A total of 42 questionnaires were returned which covers only 29.5% of our families.**

A summary of the results can be found below. Thank you for your all your comments and your time is appreciated. It has not been possible to respond to every point. However, please rest assured that, for constructive comments, we will do our best to address your suggestions wherever possible. It is pleasing to note, though, that the overall level of parental satisfaction is extremely high.

*NB: Not all percentages will total 100% exactly due to rounding.*

- I am kept well informed about what my child(ren) is/are learning in school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
67%	33%			
It is excellent that 100% of parents felt well informed about their children’s learning in school. The termly curriculum newsletters , regular parents evenings, additional letters and information from class teachers support this.				

- I have enough information from school to help my child(ren) at home.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
55%	40%	2%	2%	
Great positive response. Some parents commented that the homework sent home is often accompanied by clear instructions.				

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3. I am satisfied with the amount and level of homework my child(ren) brings home.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
50%	33%	10%	7%	
<p>Strong results for this question which has historically had a wider split of opinion. Comments included that homework was achievable, well organised, just enough and stress free. Some parents thought that there was too much homework and others felt that more was needed. Some parents also felt that the homework varied between classes.</p>				

4. The school provides a rich and interesting curriculum that helps my child(ren) to learn.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
86%	14%			
<p>Really pleasing to see that 100% of parents felt that the curriculum is rich and interesting as we work hard to achieve this! Specific highlights are themed weeks/days, visits and visitors, cooking curriculum and creative teachers.</p>				

5. The school keeps me well informed about my child(ren)'s progress.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
52%	48%			
<p>Again, another strong positive result. The new rainbow target system was commented upon as a simple and clear way of seeing how children have progressed. Parent's evenings were also described as being clear and informative. Staff have been praised for being contactable if needed.</p>				

6. I am kept informed about what my child's specific targets are for Literacy and Numeracy.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
36%	57%	7%		
<p>The rainbow assessment target cards are where children's targets are derived from and this was commented again as a positive addition to parental information. It was felt that the school have made every effort to provide a structure for targets in a simple and clear way despite the recent national changes to the curriculum and assessment.</p>				

7. The school provides enough extra-curricular activities for my child(ren) to get involved in.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
50%	40%	7%	2%	
<p>A pleasing response to the question as we have worked hard over the past three years to increase the variety of what we can offer our pupils.</p> <p>If you have any links to coaches or people to offer an extra-curricular club, please do get in touch as we are always on the lookout for new clubs and activities.</p>				

8. The school enables my child(ren) to achieve their best.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
67%	33%			
<p>A very positive response. Comments included that children are constantly encouraged to reach their potential, that children are encouraged to have ambitions and aspirations and that school has a very strong emphasis on personal achievement.</p>				

9. The school achieves high standards of behaviour.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
74%	21%	5%		
<p>A strong positive response. The school's core values were recognised in supporting the excellent behaviour in school.</p>				

10. I am confident that the school deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	43%	12%	2%	
<p>It was noted that inappropriate behaviour is dealt with in line with school policy and that issues were dealt with appropriately. Some of the neither and disagree responses stated that they had not experienced any or were unaware of the procedures.</p> <p>We work hard in school to ensure that behaviour is strong, but there will be times when inappropriate behaviour has to be dealt with and it is great to have the support from parents whenever this does occur, this often means that reoccurrences are rare. Thank you.</p>				

11. The school's core Christian values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
64%	31%	5%		
<p>This response is very pleasing, as a Church of England school our Christian values are very important to us and it is great to see that parents can see the positive effect which they have on their children. Comments included that our values lead to a high standard of compassion, that children talk openly about their faith and other faiths at home, that children enjoy and benefit from Wednesday Worship.</p>				

12. The collective worship held in school has a positive and spiritual impact on my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	43%	14%		
<p>The daily Collective Worship held in school provokes questions and encourages discussions at home. Visitors were enjoyed and parents commented that their child has a good awareness of the differences between other faiths and religions.</p>				

13. The teaching of RE and especially the teaching of Christianity is effective.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
40%	50%	7%	2%	
<p>Good positive responses for this area. Parents felt that there was a good balance of all religions and that children have a great level of respect for different religions. Some parents felt that there was too much emphasis on Jesus and Christianity, where others felt that there was not enough.</p>				

14. My child(ren) like(s) coming to school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
76%	19%	5%		
<p>Lots of parents commented that their children love to come to school and some count down the days to when they come back, jump out of bed each morning and are eager to be in class the first. This is excellent to hear; if children enjoy school, they will benefit so much more from what is on offer. Kids Club was also mentioned as a positive environment for children.</p>				

15. My child(ren) enjoy(s) playtimes and lunchtimes

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
76%	17%	2%	5%	
<p>The improvements to the KS1 playground were noted as a great addition to school. Thank you to the BSA and all who have supported their events in order to make this happen! Parents were happy that the school field is used as much as possible by all children in school. It was commented that there was not enough equipment for children in KS2 to play with. This is something which we can easily rectify.</p>				

16. My child(ren) find(s) school meals enjoyable.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A Packed lunch
81%	14%		2%		2%
<p>We have a very high proportion of children who have school meals in school (almost 80%) and it is great to see such positive feedback on this. Comments included that children love the meals and the choices, the menus are a positive feature as is the variety of meals on offer. It was also noted that Mrs Roberts is very keen to respond and adapt to children's individual needs i.e. allergies and intolerances. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Miss Harrison for their hard work in providing excellent school lunches.</p>					

17. I feel the school encourages parents to play an active part in the life of the school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
72%	26%	2%		
<p>The fabulous work of the BSA was acknowledged and the many social events that are provided easily fill up social calendars! Open week was also mentioned as a positive aspect of school where parents can become involved. We are also very fortunate to have an excellent set of volunteers (many of whom are parents/relatives) who offer superb support but also play a very active role in school life. Thank you to all of our volunteers.</p>				

18. I would find / have found it easy to approach the school with questions or problems to do with my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
67%	29%		2%	2%
The vast majority of responses felt that school are very responsive to any questions or problems raised. Comments included that all problems are dealt with appropriately and promptly, staff are very approachable, helpful and any issues are dealt with professionally. As always, please do come and speak to us if there is anything that is worrying you.				

19. The school handles complaints from parents well.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A – Never made a complaint
12%	14%	5%	2%	2%	64%
It is pleasing to see that nearly two thirds of parents have never needed to complain to school.					

20. The newsletter provides me with clear information about what is/ what will be happening in the future.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
69%	29%	2%		
Positive response regarding the weekly school newsletter. Lots of positive comments which included outstanding communication, clear regular information provided, the newsletter is an excellent tool to aid planning and it is nice to see other events that are happening across school. A suggestion was to make the newsletter more celebratory rather than constant reminders about parking etc.				

21. The website provides me with clear information about what is/ what will be happening in the future.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
31%	56%	12%	2%	
Overall a positive response. Some people commented that the website can be difficult to navigate and hard to use. This is an area which we are looking at updating and improving over this next year.				

22. The text message service is a useful way to remind me about events in school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
79%	17%	2%		2%
This is seen as a brilliant service for parents. Many parents expressed that this was an invaluable tool and that they would be 'lost without it!' Some parents felt that too many texts were sent out and also would like both parents to receive the texts. Sadly, the option of sending out texts to both parent is not available to us with the service provider we currently use, which at the present time, offers us good value for money.				

23. The online payment system allows to me make payments to school easily.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
79%	14%	7%		
Again this is also seen as a great tool for busy parents. Lots of parents feel that it is a fantastic facility, very easy to use and much easier and safer than cash or cheques.				

24. The school premises are kept clean and tidy.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
76%	19%	2%	2%	
This is a superb response and many parents praised Mr Ashworth for this. It is felt that the KS1 playground and new school signage have been good improvements to the premises.				

25. The school has made suitable improvements to the school building.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
67%	31%	2%		
Lots of parents commented that the school does remarkably well within the limited budget.				

26. We are looking at trying to reduce our carbon footprint by using less paper in school. To this end, we are seeking your thoughts on using email more readily to send out information and correspondence from school. Would you be in favour of more emails and less paper?

Yes	Not Sure	No
74%	19%	7%
Lots of responses in favour of this, so we may begin to start emailing out more letters and information as the year progresses and evaluating this regularly.		

27. What do you feel we do best?

Many positive comments were highlighted. The ones listed below are comments which have been acknowledged by several parents. These include:

- Delivering a broad and interesting education;
- Keeping children safe;
- Valuing pupils as individual;
- High standards of teaching;
- Clear expectations for behaviour;
- Strong core values;
- Helpful and approachable staff;
- Staff know pupils well;
- Variety of extra-curricular activities;
- Strong pupil progress and good academic results;
- Organised and well run school;
- Excellent BSA team;
- Caring atmosphere;
- Welcoming and inclusive environment;
- Excellent facilities;
- Strong community spirit;
- Great parental involvement;
- Communication;
- Success celebrated at every level.

28. Is there anything you think we could do to improve our school even further?

Usually, the aspects for improvement which are reported are where two or more families have suggested the same improvements. This year, there has been no repetition as such. We will however, take on board some of the suggestions and make changes or adaptations were necessary or possible. Some suggestions were as follows:

- Interschool sports matches for a wider range of year groups;
- KS2 activities and equipment at playtimes;
- Christmas Fayre;
- Safer parking around school;
- Separate effort levels on reports for reading and writing.

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey, your feedback is important to us.**