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## Results of Online Parental Questionnaire 2016-17

Thank you to everyone who completed the online parental survey last term.

**A total of 46 questionnaires were returned which covers only 30.6% 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.*

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
37%	52%	9%	2%	
Parents Evenings, specific information events and the termly newsletters were identified as good sources of information. Some families expressed a wish for more regular updates.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
24%	57%	17%	2%	
Again the specific information evenings (e.g. maths, reading) were found to be very helpful. There were some queries regarding the timings of these events in the school year and as a result we have brought forward the YR/KS1 reading evening.				

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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
22%	54%	11%	13%	
This question historically receives the most varied opinions: some families believe that there is too much homework and others would like to receive more! Some families see the benefits and enjoy the project style homework and learning logs, whereas other see these to have little benefit and cause unnecessary stress. It has therefore been decided that Learning Logs will cease. More project style homework tasks will replace these.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
65%	35%			
Really pleasing to see that 100% of parents felt that the curriculum is rich and interesting as we work hard to achieve this! The twitter feed was noted as being a useful tool to see what happens in school. Open week, visits/visitors and church services were highlighted positively to support children’s learning.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
37%	48%	13%	2%	
Parent’s evenings were stated as being helpful with this.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
39%	37%	13%	7%	4%
Some families felt that parent’s evenings supported this well and others would like additional opportunities for this throughout the year. If parents/carers wish to speak to their child’s class teacher regarding any aspect of their child’s schooling, they are encouraged to make an appointment to see the class teacher.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
57%	30%	13%		
<p>It is great to see the positive responses regarding extra-curricular clubs as we work hard to provide a wide variety of these in school. The variety of sporting and non-sporting clubs was highlighted positively.</p> <p>We acknowledge that there have been occasions where some clubs get booked up almost instantly - we are looking at ways to offer more places or additional clubs to support this. Also, we are aware that the online booking system which we use has encountered various technical issues which have been out of our control. We have worked closely with the providers to try and remedy these issues so that this does not reoccur.</p> <p>There were some suggestions for different clubs to be run at school. We will look into this. If anyone has any specific links or contacts for other clubs we may wish to run at school, please pass us any details.</p>				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
46%	41%	11%	2%	
<p>A positive response regarding this aspect of school. Some comments included that children are always encourage to achieve. Some families felt that not all children are always challenged sufficiently.</p>				

9. The school achieves high standards of behaviour.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
61%	33%	7%		
<p>A strong positive response. Comments included: a strong culture of good behaviour being expected and rewarded; polite, thoughtful and well behaved children both in school and out of school.</p> <p>There were a couple of comments regarding specific concerning incidents regarding their child/ren which we have been unable to respond to due to the anonymity of the survey. Please do arrange to see school staff if you feel an incident has not be responded to appropriately or effectively. Remember to bear in mind though, staff are unable to disclose how other children/ behaviours have been dealt with for confidentiality reasons.</p>				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
39%	33%	24%	4%	

It was noted that the rewards systems operated in school are effective and that children are keen to be acknowledged for their positive contributions to school life. Some comments suggested that there is some variation in how this is dealt with in school, work is planned to ensure that there is a consistent approach.

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 families whenever this does occur, this often means that reoccurrences are rare. Thank you.

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	48%	9%		

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 families can see the positive effect which they have on their children. Teatime Church and the core value badges were highlighted as positives within school.

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
35%	39%	22%	4%	

A pleasing response. Collective Worship is a special time each day in school for the whole school community to come together to sing, listen to stories, share ideas and opinions and reflect upon themes and the world around us.

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
24%	58%	13%	4%	
It was pleasing to see that families can see the positive values of RE in school and it was commented that children are taught to appreciate the values of all religions and that the teaching of religions was suitably balanced.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
70%	28%	2%		
Lots of parents commented that their children love to come to school. This is excellent to hear; if children enjoy school, they will benefit so much more from what is on offer. The buddy system is seen as a positive initiative to support our youngest children and Mr Ashworth's welcome each morning provides a cheery sense of security for all.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
61%	33%		7%	
A very pleasing response. It is great to hear that children enjoy and benefit from playtimes in school. Play Leaders and befrienders were noted as supporting children at playtimes. It was also pleasing to see that specific issues had been addressed effectively.				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
52%	41%	4%	2%	
We currently have 86% of children who enjoy a school meal each day – which is a testament to the quality and enjoyment of the lunches. The feedback regarding school lunches was overwhelmingly positive. There are a few suggestions for improvement which will be taken on board. Just for clarity, if a child would like to try something new on the menu, please indicate this on the menu as we can organise for children to try a sample of a dish they have never tried before. Lunchtime staff will always encourage children to try their food but they are never made to eat something they don't like. Children are encouraged to take bread, fruit and vegetables from the salad bar if they want additional accompaniments with their lunch.				

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
65%	33%	2%		
Open week was an aspect that is enjoyed and appreciated by many families. Thanks to the staff who plan exciting opportunities during this time and the families who support this by attending sessions. We love being able to invite parents/carers into school to share experiences with the children.				

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
48%	39%	4%	4%	4%
It is pleasing to see that most families find it easy to approach the school when necessary and feel that staff are extremely approachable. Please do not hesitate to contact us in school if you ever need to speak to us. All information held in school is treated with confidence.				

19. The school handles complaints from parents well.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
23%	20%	43%	9%	5%
As a school, we always take any complaints or suggestions for improvement extremely seriously and work hard to resolve any issues or dissatisfaction. Sometimes it is not always possible to meet the needs and demands of all families. We do encourage all parents/carers to work collaboratively with school in order to resolve any issues as soon as is practically possible.				

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
59%	39%	2%		
Positive response regarding the weekly school newsletter. Lots of positive comments which included outstanding communication and the dates for diary sections are very helpful for diary planning.  A suggestion made last year was to make the newsletter more celebratory rather than constant reminders about parking etc. We have introduced the Tweet of the Week section to support this and have included successes within the newsletter.				

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
17%	50%	22%	11%	
<p>This is an area which we had already identified as needing to be refreshed and regularly updated. We have invested financially in this, with dedicated website admin time regularly to ensure that the website is fully up-to-date.</p> <p>If you spot a link that is not working or out-of-date information, please let us know so that we can rectify it.</p>				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
74%	15%	7%	2%	
<p>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 some would also like both parents to receive the texts. Sadly, the option of sending out texts to both parents is not available to us with the service provider we currently use.</p>				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
80%	15%	4%		
<p>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.</p>				

24. The school premises are kept clean and tidy.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
80%	20%			
<p>This is a superb response and many parents praised Mr Ashworth for this.</p>				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
51%	40%	9%		
The KS1 playground was highlighted as a positive improvement to the school and the plans for the running track have excited some families.				

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
81%	13%	4%
Lots of responses in favour of this, so we will utilise this function to email out more letters and information..		

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