Parent and Carer Survey Results July 2021



Thank you to those parents and carers who took the time to answer our most recent survey. Your opinions and views really matter to us.

Please find below the results from the 4 questions we asked in July 2021.

- 1. Would recommend the school to other parents and carers?
- 100% said YES

Our next actions in response to your replies:

• We are delighted that 100% of our parents and carers would recommend the school to other parents and carers.

- 2. What has been positive and worked well for you and your child this year?
- Having consistency and communication with the school about home/school balance
- Listening to what they needed this difficult year
- His confidence
- Plenty of time to play outside, continuous learning provision and opportunities to be active
- The class teacher has been very supportive. Covid issues have been handled well.
- Both girls are learning well.
- Good communication.
- Returning to school from lockdown has been so beneficial for my son to be around other adults and friends but I think the focus on well-being has been the most positive thing for him.
- Mr Platt joining the school. He has made my child more confident with lessons that she found hard. Ha has made a huge difference to the school.
- Great teachers and head teacher with the children's best interests at heart.
- Interaction and feedback from teachers and staff.
- Great support from staff and Mrs Petchey.
- Everything. Communication has been superb. Learning incomparable to last year both in class and via Teams. Lots of after school clubs and a few trips.
- Brilliant teaching staff.
- Forest School outdoor learning.
- Great staff happy parents.
- Being a lovely happy caring school.
- Mrs Petchey and her team.

Our next actions in response to your replies:

• Thank you for your responses. We have a full and strong staffing team in place for September.

• We will continue to ensure our school remains a happy, friendly and caring place for all our pupils. We are very proud of our school and the learning environment; we have together created.

- 3. Thinking about next year, how can we further improve and develop?
- More and different kind of school clubs.

• Summary of learning so that we can work in the school learning into practical application in home life. Some conversation starters for parents / siblings / elders to encourage children to share their school experiences

• Nothing as of yet. I am satisfied.

• More creative opportunities, especially music but other arts also. Keeping an option for a drop in after school club for the odd day instead of just having to sign up for entire weeks sessions at a time. Ensuring the children in early years are let out at the same time at the end of the day instead of a ten minute wait between reception and nursery. More opportunities to perform. More engagement activities with parents and carers (obviously pandemic pending). A more accessible pupil passport that isn't seasonally or location dependent. School gates opened at the time when it is right to come into school, not five minutes before so you then have to stand like a lemon around the corner for five minutes.

• Developing friendships due to many of their friends leaving in September.

• Consistency of reading books coming home please. We have gone weeks without new books and gave up on bug club as we had the same books for months. Details or weekly round up of what we should be doing at home such as Ed shed, writing etc I have a child that doesn't share much about his day! It would be nice to know which topics are being covered. Just a quick message or note on the door....this week we are learning about mountains!

• Keep Mr Platt as a permanent teacher & Miss Hall & Mrs Cork at TA's. Also no parents as TA's or 1-2-1's as this looks unprofessional.

- Keep Mrs Petchey in post, she has been key to turning our school around.
- More work at home.
- Longer notice on school events.

• Let parents know more about what they learning how getting on more. Maybe more chat with teachers.

• More solid long term staff ,staff turnover over not good for children

Our next actions in response to your replies:

• We will continue to run a variety of different after schools clubs and these will be changed throughout the year. Popular clubs will remain and we will continue to listen to what kind of clubs the pupils would like to see running.

• So you know what your child is learning, our term on a page will continue to be sent out at the beginning of each term, alongside this we have an Open Doors event planned for September as well as a Meet the Teacher event early in the Autumn term. On the new school website there is a summary of learning for each year group. We hope to be able to invite parents, carers and grandparents into school more frequently, but as always, will be led by government policy and procedures.

• We have just submitted our Arts Mark Award proposal. The plan is we become an approved Arts Mark school within 18 months. Next year we plan to have more of a focus on music, and with Ms Collinson joining us from September she brings with her a love of music and an ability to play a variety of different instruments. We hope to be able to start a lunchtime choir club too.

• With restrictions now lifted, we hope we will be able to invite parent and carers into school more frequently to watch their child perform, alongside learning with them in their classroom.

• We will not be running any bubbles from September so the school day will begin and end for all children (except Nursery children) at the same time. We hope this will make drop off and pick up a lot easier with less time standing around and waiting.

• With a new reading system in place and our new library open for all children, it is expected that every child has at least two books at any one time to read at home. We are currently looking at Bug Club and will be deciding whether we will continue to purchase this from September.

• We are delighted that we have a full and string staffing structure in place for September. Mr Platt will remain in Grasshopper Class. There are no 1:1 or TA's who are also parents from September.

• Homework will be set each week for children to complete at home (or for some of our children in school). Children will receive a purple homework book to complete all tasks set in. Homework will be based on what your child has been learning, to allow them time to consolidate and practice what they already know. There may be some extension tasks set too.

4. Any further comments:

• Well done to Mrs Petchey on leading the school over a lockdown, and through many changes of policy and regulations. The children have flourished.

- Create an area of peace and quiet for the children.
- Thank you for all your hard work.

• This is a wonderful little school but it needs a bit of tlc. Some after school clubs would be great and Forest School in the actual forest.

- Great support for our child with learning difficulty.
- I will be sad for my daughter to leave A&S, thank you to all the staff.
- Brilliant school my child really enjoys going.
- Through Covid-19 school has been amazing. Fingers crossed in the new term things will be even better.

• Parents just seem to bring their children at anytime and seems to be fine. Let's get some notes to parents please.

Our next actions in response to your replies:

• We will look for an area which we can turn into a quiet and peaceful place for the children. This is an excellent idea which fully supports our mental and physical health school driver.

• Over the summer holiday the carpark tarmac is being replaced. The green floor by the playground trim trail is being replaced and we hope to fundraise to be able to purchase some more benches for the children to use.

• Now we are back to being one (or no) bubble, it is expected that all children arrive on time for school. As soon as our doors open at 8:45am learning begins. We do not want any of our children missing any learning time as every day counts!

• A big thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and commitment to our wonderful school.