



Reaching for the Stars !

19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers ,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the practical support you are giving the staff at school by continuing to monitor the health of your children and by maintaining a vigilant readiness to take preventative steps to stop the spread of Covid19 in our school . I have been particularly impressed by the number of parents who (having tested positive themselves) have decided to keep their children off as a precaution (even though their child has not also tested positive initially at the same time).

Our staff will continue to adopt enhanced vigilance particularly in EYFS where coughs , sneezes and high temperature are on the increase with everyday that takes us closer to Christmas.

School Meals Service

This service has been under increasing pressure over the past few months and as we approach Christmas the pressure has been unrelenting. A separate letter from the head of that service is being sent to all parents as it is alerting parents to the very real possibility that should the service experience serious absences then pupils will be served sandwiches in such extreme circumstances. We will try and provide you with as much notice as possible but sometimes this may not be possible.

Parental Survey Response

A huge thank you to all of those parents and carers who took the time to complete the recent parental survey just before half term. There were 162 responses from a total of 387 families across the school (42% approximate return rate). The last Ofsted inspection recorded that 37 online questionnaires were completed in June 2013.

While we are generally happy with the positive and supportive replies we would also like to respond to some of the replies which genuinely give us cause for concern.

It would appear from the returns that there is a small number of parents and carers who are clearly unhappy with the way School has approached some of the issues and because the replies are anonymous it is difficult for School to engage with these parents to try and reach an acceptable resolution. We have taken account of those responses where parents have indicated that they were unaware of how their child was doing and what they have actually been learning at school . Parents can follow our guide to the website shared on Seesaw with parents showing a variety of ways to support your child's learning - this step by step guide is very helpful and easy to use.

To the small proportion of parents who have children with SEN and remain in some doubt as to what school is offering their child , we would ask them to discuss with the class teacher in the first instance but also contact our excellent Senco , Mrs Hind-Williams , if any further information is required as she will be more than happy to engage with any supportive parent.

We are delighted with the majority of positive responses from the majority of parents:

- The 96% of responses who believe that their child is happy at our school.
- The 96% respondees who believe that their child feels safe at our school.
- The 81% respondees who believe that School ensures good behaviour from our pupils.
- The 79% of responses who do not believe that their child has been bullied at our school.
- The 80% of responses who agree or strongly agree that their child is doing well at our school.
- The 82% of parents who would recommend our school to another parent.

Most parents have not raised an issue with School, but 12% agree or strongly agree that when they have raised an issue with School , it was dealt with quickly and effectively.

Parents are at liberty to complete the online survey with Ofsted at any time on <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Mr P McDowell