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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Parental Questionnaire, May 2023

You may remember that, back in the dim and distant summer term of 2023, many of you completed a questionnaire for us sharing your views on the school. We really appreciate the time you took to do this and the many positive and constructive comments that you added. It may seem that this response is somewhat delayed, but we wanted to review your comments and suggestions and share the information with Governors. I am writing to you now to share some 'headlines' and actions which we have put in place in response.

Your responses:

1. Everyone is made to feel welcome by the school staff - 95% agree/strongly agree.
2. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem – 92% agree/strongly agree.
3. My child is happy at school – 95% agree/strongly agree.
4. The school deals effectively with persistent bullying and harassment – 93% agree/strongly agree.
5. My child feels safe at school – 97% agree/strongly agree.
6. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best – 95% agree/strongly agree.
7. Staff at this school are positive role models for my child – 92% agree/strongly agree.
8. My child is taught well at school and is making good progress – 92% agree/strongly agree.
9. There is a good range of learning opportunities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable – 92% agree/strongly agree.
10. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on at school - 85% agree/strongly agree.
11. Written communication from the school is useful and informative – 97% agree/strongly agree.
12. The school is led and managed well – 95% agree/strongly agree.
13. Staff explain how I can help my child at home and provide appropriate home learning – 89% agree/strongly agree.
14. The school has a caring atmosphere with relationships based on gospel values – 98% agree/strongly agree.
15. The school encourages parents to play an active part in the religious and worshipping life of the school – 93%
16. The school encourages co-operation between home, school and parish – 93% agree/strongly agree.
17. The school provides pupils with clear guidance on health, personal growth and moral development to the children – 94% agree/strongly agree.
18. This school a supportive and joyful community – 95% agree/strongly agree.
19. I would recommend St Walburga's to another parent – 92% agree/strongly agree.

We were very appreciative of the many positive comments we received – and that you recognised the care we have for every child in our school. As you can imagine, we were not able to put in place all of your suggestions but please rest assured we have read and reviewed them all.

One area where we 'scored' less than 90% was around how we share information about how your child is getting on at school, with a number of people requesting more frequent reports, and 'ranking' of the children. You may not be aware that the legal requirement in UK schools is to provide a written report and have an opportunity to meet the teaching staff once a year – we provide additional report cards twice a year, and an additional parents' evening. In response to your requests, we reviewed the effort grade on the report cards, and hope that this has given you a clearer idea of how your child is getting on. We will continue to review the information we send home and explore further ways in which we can make this clearer for you.

The other area which was just less than 90% positive was around home learning and helping your child at home. This is always a tricky area – every family is different and the range of suggestions was very wide, with some people wanting more home learning, and some wanting it scrapped altogether! We have offered a range of workshops during the Autumn term which we hope will enable you to support your child in their learning, and this is something we will continue to do. Please rest assured that we will keep reviewing our home learning provision, and that we are doing our best to make it supportive, relevant and not too onerous!

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the questionnaire – we really do appreciate the partnership between home and school, which we feel is invaluable to ensure that children are happy and learning.

Please don't forget, if you have any specific concerns that you would like to raise, you can always contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Crutchley or myself, either by phone or via the office email, and we will be happy to help.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.

Veronica Woodward

Headteacher.