

Dear parents/carers,

What a year it has been! As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank the parents and staff on behalf of the governing body for working together so well to make what has been a very challenging year so “normal” and productive for our children.

Throughout the last year, we’ve all repeated heard “We can’t do that this year due to COVID”, however, we haven’t heard that at Kirklington Primary! From conversations I have had I know that we have all been incredibly impressed with how the staff team have worked to make sure that they have provided both the best teaching and learning in the classroom but also an enrichment programme second to none.

This year our pupils have been kept safe due to the risk assessment that has been in place, they have had high quality teaching and learning which has been adapted to make sure that the pandemic does not leave them behind and they’ve had a lot of fun! There’s been a real focus on mental health and wellbeing which has supported the children in their return to the classroom and I’ve been so pleased with the positive feedback about the support from the school when we were working remotely.

Earlier this term, a questionnaire was sent out to all families and your feedback was really useful. We have reviewed each reply and discussed at the last full governors meeting. I have given an overview of the responses below.

	Strongly Agree/Agree
My child is happy to come to school	100%
My child feels safe when they are at school	100%
My child enjoys learning and has a positive attitude	100%
My child was taught well through remote learning (or in school) during lockdown	97%
My child is helped to learn and is taught well in school	100%
My child has made progress within the limits of blended learning	97%
My child's personal development and wellbeing are appropriately supported	97%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age and/or ability	94%
Kirklington School makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	100%
Kirklington School deals effectively with alleged bullying	97%
My child is expected to work hard and do his/her best at school	100%
Kirklington School is well led and managed by the Senior Leadership Team	100%
School responds appropriately to any concerns I raise and I feel I will be listened to	100%
Particular needs are met by the school and adaptations made where needed	100%
School informs me about my child's progress through parent consultations, reports and/or support plans, and suggests any further help they may need	100%

My child has the opportunity at Kirklington to participate in a wide range of activities including forest school, outdoor learning, trips and visits	97%
My child had a good induction experience into the school and was helped to settle (if joined within 2 yrs)	100%

From this, we have discussed how to further develop. Since this survey, you will be well aware of the changes to homework and for the younger years, the communication through SeeSaw has been a great development. Some feedback requested music tuition, this had paused due to visitors not being able to come into school but is now set to restart and parents have been contacted to book this in. Lastly, there were a number of parents who raised the issue of car parking. Car Parking has and remains to be an issue for the school due to it's location however the following actions have been taken this year:

- Changes have been made to the area outside the school to allow more staff parking, this has helped considerably.
- The continuation of staggered start times remains in place to relieve congestion.
- Parents/carers are working well with the requests from the school and doing what they can to make the drop off times safe by walking where possible by being as quick as possible when dropping off/collecting.
- Mrs Burn Smith has worked with the Highways Agency to explore other options.
- The governors will continue to support the school in making any other changes possible to further relieve the congestion on the main road at this time.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each family for their support to the school over the last year and welcome you to contact the governing body with feedback at any time and look forward to seeing what is planned for the pupils at Kirklington Primary next year.

The governing body wishes you all a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely

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