

27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to feedback on the questionnaire that so many of you completed and also take this opportunity to thank the parents and staff for working so supportively together to make this last year so fantastic.

The school really has accomplished a lot this year. It's been amazing to see and hear about the experiences that all children get by coming to Kirklington Primary. Over the year, the governors have worked with the leadership team and have all talked about what they have seen and heard about on their visits. This includes excellent teaching by hardworking, dedicated and talented staff, school trips, the extremely popular forest school programme and of course the incredible Star Warts!

The governing body are still working with the MiTRE trust regarding potential academisation. Joining the MiTRE trust is well in our plans for the school and will progress when the time is right.

I would like to thank all those that completed the questionnaire that was sent out to all families. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and the comments received are a true testament to the partnership between the school and our families. We will be reviewing this feedback in detail at the next full governors meeting to plan how we can work with the leadership team to further improve the school. I have given an overview of the responses below.

	Strongly Agree/Agree (didn't know excluded)
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 is helped to learn and is taught well in school	100%
My child has made progress with their learning	100%
My child's personal development and wellbeing are appropriately supported	100%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age and/or ability	85%
Kirklington School makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	100%
Kirklington School deals effectively with alleged bullying	96%
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	98%
Particular needs are met by the school and adaptations made where needed	98%
School informs me about my child's progress through parent consultations, reports and/or support plans, and suggests any further help they may need	98%
My child has the opportunity at Kirklington to participate in a wide range of activities including forest school, outdoor learning, trips and visits	100%

My child had a good induction experience into the school and was helped to settle (if joined within 15months)	100%
Would recommend the school	100%

In the comments, a couple of responses referenced concern over the school growing and were clear about how you want the school to remain a small family; this sentiment is shared by all staff and the governing body too. The school has a limit of 16 pupils per year group and there are no plans to change this.

It was lovely to read the masses of positive comments used to describe the school. Two comments which I would like to share are:

*“An incredibly supportive and understanding school. Education has a perfect balance of fun, making it easy to learn without pressure. Staff/parent communication (and vice versa) is clear, friendly and respectful.”*

*“The school is a welcoming, friendly, enriching holistic, nurturing, encouraging and fun environment. We love the school and all the animals!”*

I was delighted that there were very few concerns raised regarding parking. It is evident that although congestion at pick up/drop offs is still difficult, all measures have been taken to improve this. The changes to staff parking and the flexible start times are having a great impact.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alex Hansell (Vice Chair of Governors) for his dedication, hard work and support. Alex will be leaving the governing body after 7 years, he has had a great impact within the team and we are incredibly grateful for all he has done.

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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