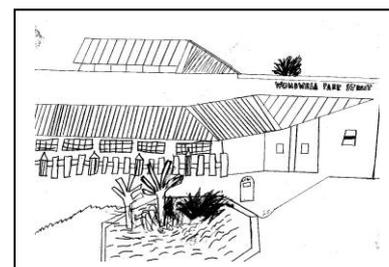




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RE: Recent Parental Questionnaire – Spring 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all of the families who returned the spring term 'Annual Parental Questionnaire'. Your time and efforts are most appreciated to help our school reflect on what we do well and very importantly, what we need to do to improve! The responses have been analysed and ranked, producing the following conclusions:

Strengths

<p>My child is safe and well looked after at Park Street – 98% agree+ this is a strength Our staff and children agree with this! Progress and attainment are incredibly important, but our ultimate aim is to keep our special children safe! Our team work hard to make this happen, we are pleased you agree.</p>
<p>Best efforts are made by the school to ensure good attendance and punctuality – 100% agree+ agree this is a strength A lot of time, effort and financial expenditure has been put aside to improve our school's attendance, including working with the Education Welfare Services, appointing an Attendance Officer, holding regular Attendance Panel Meetings to work more effectively with parents and we have developed reward systems in line with pupil voice and recommendations. We are pleased these improvements have been noticed!</p>
<p>Staff encourage children to behave well by having good relationships and high expectations – 100% agree+ this is a strength Our staff and children agree with this! We believe this is crucial for any successful school. It is very important for our children and staff to enjoy their time at school and have positive relationships and role models to look up to. We are pleased you agree.</p>
<p>I can talk about my child's learning and their needs to staff (open door policy, parental meetings, PSA) – 98% agree+ this is a strength Over the past eight years we have worked hard at Park Street to ensure there is a consistent 'open door' policy which allows us to deal with issues as quickly as we can. We are happy there is a warm environment in school which allows parents to come in and talk to staff if they have any questions, queries or concerns...that is exactly what we have worked towards and we are pleased you agree.</p>
<p>My child is happy at Wombwell Park Street – 96% agree+ this is a strength It thrills us that so many of you agree that your child is happy at school – every child matters and their happiness (and safety) is of paramount importance to our team.</p>
<p>My child is learning well and making good progress – 96% agree+ agree this is a strength We are so pleased that this is seen as a strength of the school. Our teachers and TAs work incredibly hard to ensure children are on track and if not, they do something about it so that they are! We are pleased you are happy with your child's progress.</p>

Areas for improvement

<p>My child has good opportunities to learn from visitors and by going on trips – 11% agree this needs some improvement We agree – we have been trying really hard to generate income which will allow for this (eg sponsored events), as well as creative thinking when children in the younger years go on trips (as this requires more adults who are working with other children). We have responded to this latter issue by creating more opportunities for visitors, but will make it a priority to problem solve this area as best we can going forwards.</p>
<p>I get ideas from school about how best to support my child at home (Parental Meetings, SATs meetings etc) – 8% agree this needs some improvement We agree – the last few years we have tried hard to inform parents more about Phonics, early reading, workshops for parents and open maths lessons for parents to see maths in operation. We WILL do more of this to help support you!</p>
<p>Homework is set and helps support my child's learning and progress (reading, spellings, English and maths) – 11% agree this needs some improvement We agree – we have recently produced helpful guides for parents around year group expectations for homework. These will be handed out in the summer term and at points of transition. We will aim to ensure supportive guides (like those for Reading handed out this year) are continued and further help you, help your child with homework.</p>

Overall, we are very pleased with the outcomes of the questionnaire process and it has given the Leadership Team and individual teachers some areas to reflect upon and improve. One thing which we will aim to do is get more parents responding! Only 19.4% of parents in Year 1 -6 responded, so we will look to more creative ways of gaining responses next time (eg online questionnaires, raffle entry for families who respond etc).

This said, we have had more responses this year than any other year – thank you. The comments have been amazing too! There have been general written comments about:

Strengths:

- School communicates well with parents (deals with things efficiently)
- There are approachable and supportive staff who teach well (highly skilled, motivated and dedicated)
- School puts child safety as a priority
- School recognises good work and celebrates this
- It has an inclusive nature (children who have additional needs have them met well; families who need help are given it)
- School has lots of extracurricular activities
- It has a positive, caring, fun and relaxed learning environment (with great resources)
- Extent to which it strives for parental engagement
- School is supportive of family issues – reactive to child and family needs
- School enforces good attendance
- School deals with issues effectively
- The Kidz Club and MAC are incredibly well managed
- Safeguarding is good
- Staff value the pupils
- There are opportunities for trips and visitors

Areas for improvement:

- School dinners (little choice, not as tasty as they once were): *this will be passed on to the catering team*
- More exciting after school clubs (for KS1)
- More trips (for KS1)
- Allow for online completion of forms: *at the moment the system will not allow this, but we are mindful this is an area which we need to work on in the future*
- To not 'celebrate' Halloween during school hours: *we will do after school optional events instead going forward, so as to not offend any religious and cultural beliefs*
- Parking: *new banners have been purchased in an attempt to stop parking at the bottom of the drive*
- More fundraising for school rather than 'charities' (eg Disney 'sing along' evenings; Christmas cards to be sold by the children etc): *we will take this on board, but raising money for charity is a life skill we like to teach as part of the PSHCE curriculum – but we accept a balance may be better!*

Thank you to all involved! We know we have areas we need to work on, but thank you so much too for the kind words written in the responses, staff REALLY appreciate your feedback!

Well done TEAM Park Street! Please, if you have any suggestions (on an ongoing basis) please make use of the suggestion box in the main school Reception, speak to a member of staff or email the following address: parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk.

We DO listen to your suggestions and will act on them! Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

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