

SSAS Infants Governors Questionnaire Results 2016

Introduction

A big thank you to all the families who took the time to complete the recent Infant School Parent Questionnaire. This year we had 92 responses, representing 34% of the children in the school. This is the biggest response we have had in the last 5 years and many of the respondents also took the time to make suggestions on ways we could improve the school community.

The questionnaire featured 32 questions over 5 sections; Environment, Behaviour & Pastoral Care, Curriculum, Extra-curricular activities and Governing Body. Each of these sections will be looked at in turn.

1. Environment

The results to the 5 questions in this section were overwhelmingly positive with 95% positive rating. The most positive response came from the statements;

- Everyone is made to feel welcome at the school (97.5%)

The lowest scoring question in this section;

- I would find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems concerning my child (91.25%)

Parent comments:

- Overall this school has highly committed staff that go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome.
- This is a very welcoming school – and the senior teachers are very visible and on hand everyday. My child is thriving in the school and I would strongly recommend it to any other parents.

Governor Comments:

- We pride ourselves on having a school that is the centre of our local community, which actively encourages people to be involved in the journey that our children undertake in their time here.

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2. Behavioural & Pastoral Care

89% of responses were positive for the 13 questions in this section. Most statements in this section scored very highly, examples being;

- My child is safe and well cared for at school (97.5%)
- The school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child and are in keeping with the Catholic ethos of the school (97.5%)
- The school achieves high standards of behaviour (95%)

Lower scoring statements were;

- Any problems I've had have been adequately addressed when raised with the school staff (81.5% positive, 10.5% don't know)
- Any instances of bullying are dealt with appropriately (62% positive, 35.5% don't know)

Parent comments:

- The children do live the values which the school passes onto them, in conjunction with family values. I see an inclusive school where children are encouraged to play and interact with a wider variety of their peers.
- I'm not aware of the school's system of rewards and sanctions.
- I think that the school deals very well with bullying concerns.

Governor Comments:

- The bullying policy features in the Reception welcome pack before children start school, but as it is of such importance we will look to send out a condensed version of the policy to all families at the start of each school year.
- We will also bring the home/school agreement back, which will include our e-safety guide and commitments.

3. Curriculum

90% of the responses were positive to the 7 statements in this section.

Overwhelmingly positive agreement came to the statements;

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- My child is making good progress because the teaching is good at the school (95%)
- The teaching staff strive to find imaginative ways of making learning fun and interesting over the breadth of the curriculum (93.75%)
- I am happy with the standards achieved by the school (96.25%)

Lower scoring statements were;

- I am satisfied with the work that my child is expected to do at home (83.75% positive, 10% don't know)
- I have a clear understanding of how much I am expected to help my child with their homework (80% positive, 7.5% don't know)

Parent comments;

- The teachers are doing a great job of creating an environment where the children love to learn.
- Whilst the teachers do their best and we are very grateful; parents consultations are 10 minutes every 6 months and that's the only info we get of the progress of our child.
- No issue with the school or staff re homework, rather the national curriculum expectations!

Governor Comments:

- We are currently rolling out a new format for consultations and reports. Children in Nursery and Year 2 will continue to receive a full written report at the end of each school year to highlight their performance to date.
- Reception and Year 1 children will receive a full written report midway through the year, focusing on their achievements and goals, which will then be reviewed at the consultations in the summer term. The survey was taken before this cycle was complete. Feedback on revised end of year 2 reports and consultations for Reception has been positive.
- The parent consultations in the autumn term have been moved forward in order to allow us to update you on how your child is settling in to their new year.

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4. Extra-curricular Activities

This section resulted in 81.25% positive rating for the 2 statements. The statements were;

- The school provides a good range of extra-curricular activities (78.75%)
- I am aware of the After School Clubs available to me (83.75%)

13.75% of parents disagreed that the school provided a good range of after-school clubs and 7.5% marked that this statement was not applicable to them.

Parent comments;

- An after school club that went to 6/6:30 would be very helpful.
- Some music or drama clubs would be great – there seems to be an awful lot of language clubs!

Governor Comments:

- The governors have been working with the Head Teacher for the last few months to look at the possibility of providing more after-school care and we are hoping to have something available from after the October half-term.
- We are going to conduct a review of our current school club provision to ensure that we offer a range of enrichment activities for physical and creative skills development across different year groups.

5. Governing Body

Responses to the 5 Governing Body statements were 89.5% positive. The most positive being;

- The governing body provide a good level of support to the school (92.5%)
- The school is well led and managed (98.5%)

Lower scoring statements in this section were;

- I understand what the 'Building Fund' is and why it is so important that I contribute to it (83.75%)
- I understand the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Body (85%)

Parent comments;

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- It is a lovely school and we are very happy that our children are there.
- Introduction of ParentMail made communication/information better but there is still room for streamlining the communications.
- The weekly newsletter is clear and informative!

Governor Comments:

- Thanks to all for taking time to complete our survey, please be assured that we will continually seek to improve the school with your feedback.
- If you would like to contact the Governors directly please email governors@ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk