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Dear Parents and Carers

Results from This Year's Parents' Questionnaire

The governors and I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who completed our annual questionnaire in March. We had an amazing 52% response rate which is more than double that of last year. Your comments are appreciated. We can therefore assume that the other 48% are content with what Reigate Parish Church School is providing.

Your parent voice is important and all your suggestions, comments and constructive feedback have been discussed at our school leadership meeting and will remain a feature of our meetings.

1. 100% strongly agree or agree that my child enjoys learning in school
2. 93% strongly agree or agree that behaviour in their child's class is good
3. 98% strongly agree or agree that school is led and managed well
4. 99% strongly agree or agree that teaching is good
5. 96% strongly agree or agree that adults support my child to reach their potential
6. 95% strongly agree or agree that I am kept well informed about my child's progress
7. 94% strongly agree or agree that if I have a concern and / or a suggestion I am listened to

Parents commented the strengths of the school as being:

- Supportive and friendly atmosphere
- Inclusive
- The caring nature of all the staff and their nurturing approach to the children
- The dedicated teachers are engaging my kids and they are flourishing because of this
- I like that it's only two-form entry and everyone seems to know everyone
- I like the feeling that all children are cared for and any problems don't go unnoticed, the children seem happy and ready to learn
- It is friendly and supportive, with structured learning that works at an individual child's pace, where possible
- It is a happy school with excellent teaching that motivates the children to do their best
- A well-run breakfast club
- Good behaviour and kindness are highly regarded and great emphasis is placed on them
- I like its size, atmosphere and ethos
- I love the fact the more-able children are pushed



In response to the question “what would you change” there were not any overall themes coming through, but these are the areas the School Leadership Team will discuss in more detail:

1. Communication has come up again as an area to improve and yet for some parents this is seen as a strength. We will look again at our communication with parents
2. Access to school for working parents
3. The need to maximise and use the outdoor space more often
4. More emphasis on science, asking questions, maths, a better library

Parents’ comments of their perception of RE and collective worship:

- As a school which professes the Christian faith, I think collective worship with Christianity at its centre is a significant part of the school experience. Yes, I believe that alongside RE collective worship is certainly an important feature in order to develop our children's spiritual development.
- The children seem to enjoy it and it is important.
- I feel they help to create a calm atmosphere and a chance for reflective thinking, as well as the spiritual development. I haven't seen much of the collective worship within school, but my daughter comes home happily singing the hymns and reciting prayers.
- My son enjoys RE and collective worship. What he's learnt at school sometimes leads to interesting and challenging conversations at home!
- Crucial and key to the school and its unique warmth. Whether a Christian or not the children respond to collective worship in a thought-provoking way, it's a forum for spiritual growth.
- As we are not a religious family I don't feel that RE and collective worship are particularly beneficial for my child. That said, the general ethos of everyone being kind and thoughtful to each other is a good lesson for children growing up.
- I think the teaching of Christian values is good but I think there should be more understanding of comparative religions
- Yes. Particularly good that the children learn about different faiths, and have an understanding and awareness of other cultures.

Parents were asked to write one word that described Reigate Parish

The Wordle below captures the words parents used. If you have not seen a Wordle before, then the words that are used with greater frequency are shown as bigger words. So “nurturing” was the most popular word used by parents to describe Reigate Parish, hence explaining how big it is. Other popular words were “excellent” and “caring”.

It is always a privilege to read the comments parents say about Reigate Parish. We continue to listen to our parents and to take your issues, comments and suggestions to our school leadership meetings where they are discussed in detail.

As is our custom, before next year’s questionnaire there will be a follow-up letter demonstrating how school has responded to the four points listed above.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Frances Davis
Headteacher.

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homey
efficient
serious
helpful
welcoming
inspiring
enthusiastic
positive
friendly
great
dedicated
community
caring
wonderful
disappointing
intense
good
life-giving
supportive
cool
committed
amazing
organised
excellent
fantastic
second-family
family
lovely
settled
happy
fun
inviting
complacent