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Dear Parents and Carers,

WOODMANSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/CARER SURVEY SUMMER 2018 RESULTS

Thank you once again for returning the parent/carer survey Summer 2018 and for your commendations and questions.

Where possible I have tried to respond or offer an explanation to the questions placed. *My replies are in italics. The replies are from me, so when the word I or me is used it refers to me, Mrs Nicholls.* Clearly it is not possible to please everyone all the time, and sometimes we may have to agree to disagree. Often, a variety of responses with different opinions are offered for the same question and this is expected, not all experiences will be the same. However, your views **are welcome** and will be considered by the team. Many changes great and small can be made as result of these surveys. It is therefore a worthwhile exercise. If I have suggested below that you contact me, please do. It is given in the spirit of partnership. My door is open to you.

Figures are shown in percentage terms and we received 24 completed surveys. Please do remember that you must contact me again should you wish to discuss these or any other issues further.

What has shone through the survey is how much you all value the school, this is Woodmansey's Primary School after all and the success remains a priority.

Yours sincerely,

B. Nicholls
Head of School



Parent/Carers Survey: Woodmansey CE Primary School, Summer Term 2018.

Please tick as appropriate	strongly agree	agree	neither agree/nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
1. I believe, my child is making good progress at school.	79%	21%			
<p>Comments: A couple of times I have been shocked when reading with my child by how far she has come on in her reading! All of my children have progressed so much. The last 12 months my children have made significant progress. We are very happy with XXX's progress. As parents we've always said if she is happy then we are happy parents. A happy child is a happy learner, I am thrilled your daughter is feeling so positive.</p>					
2. My child is given the opportunity to succeed.	79%	21%			
<p>Comments: The staff really help the children.</p>					
3. The school has effective policies and procedures to ensure the safeguarding of children.	79%	21%			
<p>Comments: I feel my child is safe in school. We have revised our safeguarding procedures and informed the children of what it means if someone is wearing a red lanyard – ask them!</p>					
4. Children behave well at school.	71%	29%			
<p>Comments: One of my children struggled to manage his own behaviour but you have supported him so much, he is like a changed child! Wonderful, we value all of our children and each struggle is unique, but it is great it has been such a success.</p>					
5. My child is not bullied or harassed at school.	71%	25%	2%		
<p>Comments: I agree the school gives excellent strong moral guidance to the children. However, I disagree with teaching religion as truth to the children, but I understand you have to. <i>No, in fact we don't teach religion as truth and nor could we. The teaching of R.E is non-confessional and encourages children to consider their own thoughts and questions in order for children to form their own opinion and ask big questions. Our daily act of worship is invitational and inclusive, and I would urge you to come and join us for our celebration worship on a Friday if you haven't done so already. We are required to teach using the locally agreed syllabus which promotes the cultural awareness of world faiths.</i></p>					
6. The school provides strong moral guidance for the children and is strengthened by the school's Christian Values.	71%	25%	2%		
<p>Comments:</p>					
7. Homework is set as described in the policy on the website.	54%	21%	13%	5%	
<p>Comments: Less homework needed during the summer term! Getting them to come in and do it is hard work! Not enough reading encouraged as homework. My child reads at home so I'm happy but I'm not sure the "read a couple of pages for class discussion" is encouraging reading. <i>Reading was explained to staff and parents as the priority in homework and should be completed before the next guided session. The amount of pages to read should be age appropriate but can be extended by the questions</i></p>					

and prompts available in the home reading journal. Please do let me know if this doesn't improve – we want every child to develop a passion for reading.

The homework set in XXX's class is consistent and regular. The homework set in XXX's class is not so. I have queried this, and it has not become any more regular. I feel that the level of homework in XXX's class has been adequate and would like to see this in other classes.

No homework e.g. Maths for a few months.

Would welcome more weekly homework.

Each child from Y1-6 should receive reading homework at least twice weekly, maths weekly, a project homework if it is an activity linked to the foundation subjects which may spread over a fortnight. If this is not the case, then please let me know. It is also important to encourage your child to hand in their homework or bring their books bag, so the next homework can be set otherwise the homework will go home in a plastic wallet, heightening the chance of it becoming lost or damaged.

8. The school gives my child the opportunity to develop a healthy lifestyle.

67%

29%

2%

Comments:

It would be nice to see some after school activities for the younger children e.g. Cycling. It would be nice to see more cooking and trying of different foods.

The Foundation Stage cook most weeks and years 1-6 have specific food technology units throughout the year. Of course, children can also choose a cookery task as part of a gem treat once they have saved up enough reward jars! After school activities for the younger children can be tricky as the day can just be a bit too long for them but we now have football and handball available for children in Years 1 & 2 and Foundation Stage.

The school has definitely improved in the area as so many sports are now available.

9. My child enjoys school.

80%

20%

Comments:

She enthusiastically talks about it to anyone who will listen!

My daughter absolutely enjoys school. This is our main priority.

10. My child is enthusiastic about learning.

75%

25%

Comments:

I don't think she sees it as learning but loves to tell us any new sounds she can now say or what she has written.

11. The curriculum is broad and balanced.

80%

20%

Comments:

The curriculum seems nice. It would be great for us to know what the kids will be studying in each term, so we can talk about it at home more. *The long term curriculum plan is on the school website which shows which units of work are covered in each term.*

Minor point: I would like to see more work-related learning and enterprise activities and less food related home based projects. *I hadn't realised we had a large amount of food related projects! The half term projects are set by me, so I will look at broadening the range of activities this year.*

12. Woodmansey CE Primary School provides a caring environment for my child.

92%

8%

Comments:

My youngest child was the hardest to let go of. XXXX is fantastic, so caring towards my child but also of my anxieties and worries.

This is one of the school's strengths.

All of the children are very well cared for.

The school provides a nurturing environment for all students, right from foundation to year 6.

13. My child is cared for and supported.	88%	12%			
Comments: We are always so happy to see that it is not just our child's main teacher who says hello to her but all of them. The staff really get to know each child here very quickly and therefore becomes a very secure and familiar environment.					
14. Teaching is good.	88%	12%			
Comments: We have been extremely impressed with the teaching. Teaching is very good!					
15. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	75%	22%			
Comments: This is encouraged in a caring, positive way. Definitely, I do feel though that children are tested too much, far too early. This is not a criticism of Woodmansey School – it's the government! We realise that at certain times of the year assessment seems to be happening far more, but assessment does happen daily in an informal way. For the majority of our children the children have adapted well and enjoy the test papers. We also recognise that we would be doing the children a disservice if we didn't allow the children to practice 'passing a test' before the main event!					
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16. Staff treat my child fairly.	75%	25%			
Comments:					
17. Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	79%	21%			
Comments:					
18. I know who to approach if I need support and guidance.	92%	8%			
Comments:					
19. I feel able to approach the school for help.	92%	8%			
Comments: The school is very approachable. I would not have a problem approaching any member of staff if I needed to.					
20. The Governors work to ensure the success of the school and its community of learners.	79%	8%	13%		
Comments:					
21. I currently know how my child is getting on at school.	96%	4%			
Comments: We were overjoyed with my daughter's last report! <i>Great, I am pleased it was well received. Parents can expect the mid-year report at the end of January and the end of year report in the summer term.</i>					
22. The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	83%	17%			
Comments: Another key strength of the leadership team. I've seen many suggestions incorporated. The school really listens to parents and implements change wherever this is possible. Thank you and please keep your suggestions coming!					

23. I am kept well informed about school events.	83%	17%			
Comments: It is nice to see the calendar of events on the newsletter, but it would be very useful if I could just download it straight to iCal/Google Calendar. <i>Let me look into this...</i> I'm looking forward to a little more planning this year. Please make sure everything is on the website as parents are using it more as a reference tool. As far as I know; the website is up to date but please remember it will only show upcoming events. Use the newsletter to keep ahead of the events in school. This has got a lot better since Molescroft came in!					
24. There is a good range of activities at school, which my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	88%	12%			
Comments: My son is interested in the various clubs – the choir, drama and recorders, but needs a push to join. I may seek assistance from his teachers to help give him the push he needs to put himself forward. Yes, please do if they haven't taken up any of the opportunities this year.					
25. The school promotes equality of opportunity and tackles discrimination.	92%	4%	4%		
Comments:					
26. The school is well led and managed.	92%	8%			
Comments: The school is led and managed by great teachers. The last 12 months have been amazing – thank you. Excellent management. XXX with the aid of XXX is doing a wonderful job.					
27. I support the ethos of the school and know it is strengthened by the school's Christian Values.	79%	17%	4%		
Comments: I think the school gives a good balanced understanding of a range of faiths which is good, and the values are set and adhered to alongside this understanding. I support the ethos of the school, but I would prefer a non-religious school. <i>Our ethos and vision is rooted in biblical teaching as we are a Church of England School. There are many non-church schools nearby but I feel what the children gain from Woodmansey being a C of E school is immeasurable.</i>					
28. The school has a positive impact on the wider community.	88%	12%			
Comments: The school and the PTFA have a hugely positive impact on the wider community. I'm not sure how this has been done. I do know the PTFA work really hard to promote the school. <i>They really do, and I will always be grateful for the work they do to support the school.</i>					
29. I would recommend the school.	92%	8%			
Comments: I recommend it to everyone. <i>Thank you – our numbers are certainly growing!</i> I couldn't recommend enough; this school has had such a positive impact on our family and for that I will always be grateful. Without doubt. Definitely, I love our little school. One of the best schools in Beverley. Absolutely. I am very proud of our school.					

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30. Foundation Stage and Nursery Parents only: The arrangements for the integration of my child into school were effective.	100%				
Comments: My child settled very well and made lots of friends. So much support has been given to ensure my child settled.					
31. Foundation Stage and Nursery Parents only: I am able to support my child's learning.	100%				
Comments: It would be nice to have a copy of what the children are doing that week, so we can support at home too. <i>In the foyer of the foundation stage and nursery classroom the team displays what the current focus is with prompts for you to use and support at home whether it is the latest cooking recipe or phonic focus or letter formation practice, if you are unsure where to look, please ask.</i> Very good engagement of parents. Actively encouraged to participate. XXX helps parents as well as the children.					
32. Foundation Stage and Nursery Parents only: I know how my child is achieving at school.	100%				
Comments: We have been very impressed with the progress our child has made this year. XXXX is a fantastic teacher.					

Additional Comments:

Thank you to all the staff for supporting and promoting learning.

Can't find any negatives in anything!

Two words – Thank you.

My comments are to help the school grow and are minor. It's been an amazing year for Woodmansey. The changes have been well planned and successful. I'm so grateful to the leadership team and all the staff for their support in making WPS a good/outstanding school. Ofsted grade is a snapshot, we experience good and outstanding everyday – thank you.

We are really happy with the school. To see the improvements, that have happened over the year, have such a positive impact on my children has really been brilliant.

We love Woodmansey School as do our children. I feel the staff are very approachable and if I am at all concerned I can talk to any of the teachers. We are very happy with how the school has changed this year and feel it is going in the right direction. We would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work. Thank you for making my children's school life a happy one.

We love this school, if my girls are happy then I am happy. I couldn't ask for a better school and appreciate everything the school does for us. Thank you.

My daughter loves school and has thrived this last year under Molescroft's umbrella. 100% brilliant!

Thank you so much for all your positive comments. Please don't wait until another survey if you have something to raise. Pick up the phone or come and see me and we I can hopefully answer your questions then.