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Dear Parent,

Parent School Survey July 2015

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill in the questionnaire at the end of the summer term. We had a good response and on behalf of the governors at the school I've been looking at what you've been telling us.

The good news is that almost all parents think that the school is performing well.

The table below shows the excellent scores when we look at the percentage of parents who agreed or strongly agreed to each statement.

What's more, over the last three years we've seen a good improvement in the percentage of parents who *strongly agree* with each statement too.

Statements	2015 Agree & Strongly Agree	2015 Strongly Agree	2012 Strongly Agree
My child is happy at this school	99%	87%	66%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	90%	76%
My child makes good progress at this school	99%	81%	62%
My child is taught well at this school	99%	84%	73%
My child is well looked after at this school	100%	90%	not asked
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	88%	47%	not asked
The school ensures the children are well behaved	99%	75%	not asked
Unacceptable behaviour is dealt with correctly	99%	65%	49%
The school responds well to any concern I raise	96%	72%	41%



Statements	2015 Agree & Strongly Agree	2015 Strongly Agree	2012 Strongly Agree
I am made to feel welcome when I come into school	100%	90%	82%
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school	99%	87%	76%
The school is led and managed effectively	99%	85%	71%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	97%	81%	59%
Overall I am happy with my child's experience at school	98%	90%	75%

Homework is the most contentious area - about one in eight parents thought the level of homework wasn't appropriate for the age of their child. Some parents thought there was too much, some wanted changes to when homework was set and handed in.

The Head and the teachers have once again looked at this. They think homework is a vital tool in improving skills, confidence and independent learning. Last year, the homework policy was amended and this year it's been reviewed and slightly amended again. The message from the school is to ask, if you have a particular problem with your child and the homework tasks set.

We also asked for any additional comments.

One parent higher up the school thought the house-point system was demotivating for their child. The school has looked at this and reviewed the way points are handed out. It's hoped all children should benefit from the revised system.

Another parent wanted more feedback. The School believes the parents evenings, access to children's work, topic book reviews, work sent home, communication letters and the very comprehensive end of year report should keep you in touch with your child's progress. But anyone who needs more information please talk to the child's teacher either informally at the beginning or end of the day or through a planned time.

There were many, many lovely comments too! Here's a sample:

Lots of meetings and opportunities to watch, observe and to take part with lessons. I really appreciated this opportunity.

The school is amazing with communicating and the reports we have had sent to us are full of such detail.

I could not be prouder of my son's first year at school. The development he has made has been outstanding. He loves coming to school every day.

Mrs Linford tackles problems promptly when she's made aware.



Thank you so much for looking after our little girl. I'm looking forward to her continued progress in year four. Keep up your excellent standards

My child has been extremely happy at Upper Beeding. He has made fantastic progress. He has been given some great opportunities to shine.

The parents survey is very much in line with the recent Ofsted report's "Outstanding" verdict. However, the head, staff and governors are keen to continue to make things even better for our children. If you have any further thoughts before the next survey please talk to the school or any governor. You can contact us by email: office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk

Once again, thanks for your invaluable feedback.

Yours

Neil Pringle
Vice Chair of Governors

