



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

### School Survey 2020 and Covid-19

I'd like to thank the many parents who took the time to fill in this year's Parent Survey and for all the additional comments which were added. I know there are plenty of other things on your mind at the moment and the Governors really appreciate your valuable feedback at this crazy time. The survey helps us to know how you're feeling and the Governors are delighted that the vast majority of you are really positive about your child's education at Upper Beeding. I've shared some of the headlines below.

### Covid-19

The Governors have worked closely with the school over the past few weeks to make sure you have been well informed and to check that the correct processes have been in place to manage the school closure, home learning, and the care of children of key-workers and vulnerable children who are still being looked after at school.

I'd like to thank all parents for their understanding and help at this time. It has been stressful for everyone and I fear that things will inevitably get worse over the next few weeks. However, I have been immensely proud of the way the school has handled the current crisis and some of you shared similar thoughts with us on the survey. The clear communication and adaptability of the Head and staff has been outstanding. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure things are as positive as possible for the children. They have been a credit to the school too, with the mature way they are handling themselves. I hope they get plenty of down-time over the Easter holiday and then find the resources on the VLE stimulating and fun next term. As a parent I realise this can be a challenge (!), but we may lose all the Summer Term due to the need to stop the spread of the virus, and we hope the children will continue to learn, with your help, over the coming weeks.

### School Survey

This year we added some new questions to our survey in line with the changes to the way primary schools are being assessed. There is a new emphasis on the broad curriculum, the range of opportunities available to children, and giving every one of them a chance to shine. I'm pleased to say that these ideals have always been a big part of the school's ethos and I'm delighted that in these areas you have scored the school highly.



The other lovely thing that many parents have commented on is the sense of community which many people describe as the “school family”. The Governors are delighted that you think the school remains a safe, welcoming and caring environment with an excellent Head and staff right across the school.

Here are the headline figures from the survey. These are the combined percentages of those who agree and strongly agree with each statement.

<b>My child is happy at this school.</b>	95%
<b>My child feels safe at this school.</b>	97%
<b>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.</b>	95%
<b>The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour/bullying</b>	91%
<b>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</b>	99%
<b>When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.</b>	93%
<b>My child has SEND (16%), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.</b>	100%
<b>The school has high expectations for my child.</b>	95%
<b>My child does well at this school.</b>	95%
<b>The school lets me know how my child is doing.</b>	93%
<b>There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.</b>	97%
<b>My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.</b>	97%
<b>The school supports my child's wider personal development.</b>	91%
<b>I am made to feel welcome when I come into school</b>	97%
<b>The school is led and managed effectively</b>	95%
<b>I would recommend this school to another parent</b>	95%

Sadly, a very small number of parents are not completely satisfied and I would urge you to keep talking with the school if you have any issues at all. Please talk to your child's teacher or to the school office. The Governors are not complacent and we have discussed your worries with the Head Teacher. However, overall, these figures speak for themselves. They are a terrific endorsement of the education your child gets here and many of you said you were lucky to have sent your child to Upper Beeding Primary. I have included a selection of some of your comments to give you a flavour.

*I love the fact that my daughter goes to school and it has the feel of belonging to a big family. I'm saddened that she only has two years left as I never want her to leave! The teachers and teaching assistants all put in extra hours to ensure our children have a great learning experience.*

*Upper Beeding Primary School is an excellent school which provides children with the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability in a caring, nurturing environment. I am always made to feel welcome and respected by all staff - from the office ladies, teachers and Head Teacher - Upper Beeding Primary School is such a special place and I am so grateful my children have had their primary school experience at this school.*



*I like the range of extra activities e.g. singing, drama, sports, and participation in wider national campaigns the school does. I also think the school encourages children to take pride in their work and also their behaviour.*


*Fantastic, safe, happy school. Staff are always smiling and although I have never raised any concerns so far, I feel confident that this would be dealt with effectively. Broad subjects learnt, always are made aware of after school clubs. Staff seem genuinely happy and very keen to get the best out of every child. So far, I feel that this school is another little family. Super safe and kind. Children appear to be smiling and laughing, running around, how kids should be. The reception/front of house staff are exceptional. Nothing is too much trouble, Communication is terrific*

*We are beyond happy with the school, and feel very lucky to have such supportive and caring teachers who really care about our children. The extra mile the school staff go to make learning fun and meaningful is so appreciated! Thank you for helping our boys to learn and grow!!*

*This is just such a fantastic school. I'm so lucky that both my children are here. The teachers/office staff are all so friendly, the workload is manageable, Mrs Linford is so friendly and approachable. Thank you for everything you do for the children.*

Thanks again for taking the time to let us know how you feel. I hope that you stay safe and have a peaceful and healthy Easter. We hope the school will be back to normal soon and the staff can get on with what they do best.

Best wishes



Neil Pringle  
Chair of Governors

