



Governing Body

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a good half term break. The Governing Body would like to thank all of you who took the time to fill in the parent survey towards the end of the Summer Term. Around 60% of families replied so this represents a good cross section of views and I'm delighted the feedback was really positive. In fact it shows that many of you are happier with the school now than in any of our previous surveys.

Here are some headlines:

- Every parent who responded agreed their child was happy, safe and well looked after in school.
- Every parent also agreed their child was taught well and making good progress.
- 99% believe the school is well run and managed
- 98% agree children are well behaved
- 98% think the school responds well to your concerns

This is an excellent result and the Governors warmly congratulate the staff on achieving such a positive assessment.

Some of you were kind enough to write comments too. Here is a sample:

We're totally thrilled with Upper Beeding Primary school. Our daughter has been totally engaged in her learning. We have seen her confidence grow and she has achieved outstanding sat test results.

My daughter has truly blossomed at the school and has grown in confidence in just the two years she has attended. I cannot thank the school enough from what they have done!

My daughter has been very lucky to have attended Upper Beeding Primary school. Great!

All your comments have been studied and discussed by the school team - thanks again!

One area which was highlighted by the survey was the issue of homework and this was the one part of the survey which stood out as a concern. Overall 13% of parents thought there was too much homework.

The Head Teacher and her staff have reviewed homework in the light of your comments and as a result the school's new homework policy and guide are available on the website. They still think it is an important part of your child's education but now have given a clearer guide to the length of time the task should take and have slightly reduced the amount by doing this. The homework club has been re-introduced for children who are experiencing any challenges so they can get the necessary support.

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Finally the governors would encourage you to fill in the online survey used by Ofsted known as Parentview. It takes about ten minutes to register and complete but at the moment has had only a few responses. It's really important that Ofsted get a balanced view of what you think of the school. Search for "Parent View" or use this link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Thanks again for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire and in giving us your thoughts.

As I wrote in my previous letter School Numbers are currently 321 which is the largest for a number of children attending the school for many years. We also continue to monitor the deployment of the New National Curriculum and the School has started well. This is down to the preparation of the Head and teaching staff.

The uptake and deployment of free school meals is also going well and again we shall continue to monitor this.

Finally we are also reviewing the results of the Key Stage 1 and 2 results now published and they continue to show good progress. I hope to write to you towards the end of term on this matter once the full analysis is complete.

Yours sincerely

Mr Malcolm Gordon
Chair of Governors



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