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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Survey 2019

I'd like to thank you for the excellent response to this year's online parent survey. We had a record number of you giving your views, which means that this year's results are more representative than ever.

The Governors have met to discuss the results and we are delighted that the overwhelming message from parents is that Upper Beeding Primary continues to be an excellent school.

The table below shows the percentage of parents who agreed or strongly agreed to the statements. We've included the results from the last few years to give you a comparison.

% Strongly Agree/Agree	2016	2017	2018	2019
My child is happy at this school	98%	96%	98%	98%
My child feels safe at this school	90%	99%	99%	99%
My child makes good progress at this school	96%	95%	98%	98%
My child is taught well at this school	99%	97%	98%	99%
My child is well looked after at this school	98%	96%	98%	99%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	75%	78%	74%	87%
The school ensures the children are well behaved	99%	94%	99%	99%
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour/bullying	91%	91%	93%	93%
The school responds well to any concern I raise	94%	97%	98%	95%
I am made to feel welcome when I come into school	96%	96%	98%	96%
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with problems	95%	97%	97%	96%
The school is led and managed effectively	94%	96%	95%	97%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	95%	95%	89%	95%
Overall I am happy with my child's experience at this school	95%	95%	97%	97%
I would recommend this school to another parent	95%	94%	97%	97%

The strength and consistency of the results are a credit to all who work at the school. Many parents commented on the commitment and dedication of the team here.

Homework

It was particularly pleasing that fewer parents were unhappy with the amount and type of homework which is set. After each year's survey the staff meet to consider your comments. The current homework policy reflects the comments you have made to us over the years and we are pleased that this year's score reflects that work. We had some comments about topic homework and homework set in the holidays – once again Mrs Linford and the staff will discuss this, and any changes will be made at the start of the next academic year.

Parking

We were pleased to see that parking outside the school was not mentioned in your comments this year. Thanks to you for respecting the no parking area opposite the school which makes it much safer for children crossing the road by the school gates. We did however receive comments about the number of cars using the school car park. This seems to be becoming an



issue. The car park is reserved for staff. A few parents have permits (often issued on medical grounds) to help with pick up and drop off. I hope you can support this policy as too many cars in the car park at pick-up and drop-off is dangerous.

Breakfast Club

A few parents asked whether the school could consider introducing care before the school day. Once again, the Head and Governors will reflect on your comments. We will come back to you on this one after considering logistics.

Other Comments

We were delighted to hear so many of your positive comments too. Here are some examples:

I am very grateful that my children go to this school. It is a fantastic school, every teacher I have met is warm and welcoming. Every event is brilliant. My children love it here. I just wish that schools themselves got a lot more support and funding that they deserve. I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone at the school.

Amazing school. The staff and Head are so approachable and always go above and beyond.

This is a great school, with dedicated and caring staff throughout - front office, TAs, teachers and leaders. We are very lucky to have such a well led school on our doorstep. The range of exciting opportunities in sport and arts in particular is outstanding.

So happy with this school overall. It is warm and friendly. The learning is fantastic and so varied, all of the wow days and trips are so important. I wouldn't even hesitate for one second recommending this school and am very grateful for all the wonderful work.

Since our girls joined the school, we've noticed a subtle shift in their attitude to their education. They have a newfound delight in their achievements and are keen and positive about school. It's a sure sign you're doing it right when the reason for a prolonged silence is down to your children taking it upon themselves to do their homework, without it even being mentioned by either parent!

I feel that a real strength that we have experienced is how well the staff have got to know our son and also how much his teachers work in partnership with us. We could not have asked for a more positive start to school life for our son. Thank you to everyone.

Thanks again for all your comments. All are read, considered and discussed. We think the parent survey is a great way to help maintain the "Outstanding" education here at Upper Beeding Primary School.

The staff and the children deserve a great Easter break, I hope you manage to get some time off to enjoy it too!

Best wishes



Neil Pringle
Chair of Governors

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