



Flockton C of E (C) First School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil and Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you very much to those parents who took the time to complete our online survey, for which we had fifteen completed responses. We are conscious that some of you may have logged on but then not completed the survey. If this is the case, we would love to hear from you with any suggestions as to how to improve our survey.

Thank you also to the children for taking part in our survey, and to the school council for helping to analyse the results. We have included the main findings from both surveys overleaf.

We are very pleased to say that feedback from both surveys was overwhelmingly supportive and positive. In particular, you tell us that your children enjoy school and learning, and make good progress because of the good teaching at school; that we are approachable and that your children feel safe and well cared for at our school. Thank you also for letting us know that you feel school values your opinions. Although we don't have control over items such as road safety and school lunch menus, we work closely with both Kirklees Road Safety and Kirklees Catering to ensure any matters are dealt with.

You have mentioned that you would like to know more about how to help your children develop their skills in literacy and numeracy and be clearer about what standards your children are expected to be achieving both in school and homework. You would also like to know more about the general curriculum. This is an area we will be developing further over the summer term and into next year. Watch this space (and our website).

These and other issues raised will be considered closely and the governors and staff will be endeavouring to address them effectively in our next School Development Plan. If you have any further comments or issues you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call in to school and have a chat.

Yours sincerely

Neil Cappleman
Head Teacher

Sylvia Pearson
Governor

- Building confidence, encouraging independence, being part of a team, being part of community, teaching, music and drama, opportunities
- Keep our children safe & teach well.
- Informing parents of things; looking after children and making them feel welcome at the school
- Celebrate all the children's abilities, not just academically but their personal qualities and attributes. I feel the school does well to encourage independence and confidence.
- I feel that all the staff take pride in the children as if they were their own children
- Making all the children feel like a little family, I'm surprised the older children have known the very young children's names and vice versa

Are there any areas you feel we could improve on? (School response)

- Keeping parents informed regularly about after school clubs or any changes in school to do with meetings or needing information from parents. I think the text service could be used better to keep us up to date on things. We try to inform parents of any changes in school as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances, staff sometimes have to cancel clubs at short notice. We understand that this can cause difficulties with childcare. Please remember that, if this is the case, places are sometimes available at our after school club. Please contact the school office for more information.
- Helping to keep our children safe on the roads. There needs to be a lollipop lady on Pinfold Lane or a crossing or some parking regulations and support from the school I feel would really help. We are in regular contact with Kirklees Road Safety and organise training and various events to develop the children's understanding of road safety. This year we have ensured all children in school have high vis tabards to wear on their journey to school. We have collaborated with Kirklees Council to set up a 20mph zone through the village and successfully requested the installation of a barrier at the school entrance. This is an opportunity to remind you that parents/carers must not to use the staff car park or school drive to collect or drop off their children before and after school. At these times, the school lane is a walking area for families. Also, following a complaint from a resident of the village, may we remind you to be respectful when parking on Pinfold Lane. Please be conscious of residents and other road users. Our new PCCO, Anne Choma will be monitoring parking around school after the Easter holidays.
- I sometimes have a niggle in my mind about safeguarding regarding access, as I think if someone came with intent to enter, they could more than other schools. I know it's not what we want in a lovely village school however anywhere can be targeted. This is something we are constantly re-evaluating and we will be in discussions with the developers of the Chapel Lea site regarding pedestrian access and associated security to school from the site.
- Timely Communication, less focus on attendance to the detriment of focusing on health and feeling well. As mentioned above, we try to inform parents in a timely manner of any events. We use our texting service, ParentPay email service, Facebook and School Website to communicate. We try to get the right balance between promoting good attendance and ensuring children are not coming to school unwell, to the detriment of their and others' learning.
- Communication with parents must be up to date & ensure every parent receives important information. Hygiene must be improved when there are out breaks of illness. We regularly remind parents of our 48 hour policy following periods of sickness or diarrhoea. Children are regularly reminded about good personal hygiene through PSHCE and science lessons (see our whole school science day).
- Better communication. A lot of messages are received very last minute.
- I also feel that the same children seem to be rewarded week after week, particularly naughty ones. I think the old certificate system worked better as the children had more of a chance to shine. Children love to be rewarded and recognised for their efforts and I think more yellow tickets, stickers and certificates really boost morale and encourage them to work to the best of their ability. We hope that children still have many opportunities to shine including: head teacher awards and golden tickets, branching out awards, school council awards and school lunch awards. We also introduced the top table as an added bonus for wards winners.
- Constant name calling, it the same children time and time again. Any time I've raised concerns, I've never had a follow up chat and been told how it was dealt with. We are sorry if you feel

that you have not been listened to. We always try to follow up any concerns to discuss whether the matter has been resolved. If you feel this has not happened, please come in and talk to the relevant staff. A copy of our complaints policy is available on the school website if you feel your complaint has not been dealt with appropriately.

- **More choice on school dinners would be great, I always have a starving child with a tummy ache at the end of the day. Our school lunch menu is organised by Kirklees Catering and unfortunately we do not have much input in the planning of the menu as we used to. However, portion sizes should mean that no child is starving at the end of the day. If you have any concerns, please call in and see Julie and she can pass your comments on to Kirklees Catering.**

Pupil's Survey: Spring Term 2019 Main Findings (Sycamore and Elder Class)

All the children agreed that:

- **They liked being at Flockton CE (C) First School and would recommend our school to other children**

Almost all children agreed that

- **They found out new things in their lessons and worked hard**
- **Their teachers showed them how to make their work better**
- **They got help when they needed it**
- **Their teachers were fair to them and listened to their ideas**
- **The school rules were fair**

Some children felt they were unable to concentrate in their lessons all the time. The school council felt that one reason for this was the distraction from the building site which can be seen and heard, especially in Elder Class. This has been discussed with the developers and we are awaiting for a response.

Reading and Science were the children's most popular curriculum areas, followed by Maths and Writing.

A large majority of children had taken part in clubs, either after school or at lunchtime (thank you to our Elder Class children for organising games club and reading club)

More children felt safe when online in school than at home. Reasons for this were:

- **Children feel safer in school because the school blocks certain sites (web filtering)**
- **The teachers are always monitoring the children's use of the internet**
- **There are more safe games at school. More access to other games at home**
- **You get friend requests at home but not at school**
- **'Fortnite' is available at home but not at school and often appears as a pop-up on other games at home.**

We are currently in the process of reviewing our curriculum to offer even more opportunities for outdoor learning. Our wild area is being prepared for use and our path to the wild area has been reinstated. We have completed the National Trust '50 things to do before you are 11 3/4' survey with all the children and the school council will be working with us to look at how these activities can link in with our lessons. We have organized whole school learning days for RE and Science.

We have already had or have planned a variety of visits and visitors this year including:

- **Visits from the mayor of Kirklees, our local MP, children from Spring Grove J&I School and our guests from Syria**
- **Whole school theatre trip**
- **Sycamore Class visit to York Chocolate World**
- **Apple Class visit to Jurassic World Live at LBT.**
- **Elder Class music workshop as part of the Mrs. Sunderland Season at Huddersfield Town Hall**

- **Elder Class visit to Bagshaw Museum**
- **Elder Class Residential visit to Scout Dyke**
- **School Council visit to the Fairtrade Conference**