



Foxhills Federation Board of Governors

Summary of Parent Survey May 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the excellent response to the recent Parent Survey. There are 459 families across the federation and 161 families responded, which gives us an overall response rate of just over 35%. In this type of survey, a response rate of more than 33% is considered to be representative of the full population, so we feel confident that the views expressed represent a good cross section of parents' feelings.

We sought your views using the Parentline questions which Ofsted inspectors will ask you to complete when either school has an inspection. You will see from the summary that the great majority of responses fall within the Strongly agree/Agree section, which is very pleasing. The highest percentage of Neutral responses (23%) was to the question concerning the schools' response to bullying, but this was largely due to parents saying they could not respond as their child had not experienced such issues.

We also asked you what we did well, what we could do better, and for any comments on the federation. This section attracted a wide variety of answers, often contradictory, e.g., there is too much/too little communication, both schools have been disadvantaged by federation, and both schools have benefitted from federation. The majority of respondents felt their children were safe and happy in school, that concerns raised were dealt with quickly and appropriately, that teaching was good, and their children were making progress. Federation was largely considered to have been beneficial, particularly in the matter of transition, and giving children the opportunity to visit across the schools, e.g., clubs. Parents commented on the excellent facilities offered at Foxhills, and the high academic standards. Mrs Howe and her team were complimented on their caring and capable approach to leading the two schools.

There were some concerns, and we will be looking at these. Parents felt there was a small amount of bad behaviour, this is being addressed, and we have recently developed a new Behaviour Policy. You would like more sport, particularly inter school sports, and more educational visits. We recognise that we haven't as yet attained pre-Covid levels and need to extend our current programme, in addition to making more use of the school grounds. The recent INSET focussed on these two areas with all staff contributing ideas to be assessed and developed next term.

You would like to see the Headteacher and Senior Leadership team on the school gates more often, as this is an opportunity to raise any small concerns. Local traffic, danger to children going to and from school, and on campus was mentioned - regrettably, we cannot control what happens outside the school gates. There are around six hundred children on campus, the majority walk up the school drive with parents, inevitably there is crowding at the pinch points. We are not able to make the drive or pavements wider or provide onsite parking for parents other than Blue Badge holders, who must drive and park responsibly when accessing the campus.

In conclusion, we feel the survey has been a useful exercise in identifying concerns, highlighting the many positive aspects of our schools, and giving parents the opportunity to comment on our provision.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete the survey.

Best wishes

Lucy Howe

Headteacher

Ann Arscott

Chair of Governors