

Parent Survey – Autumn 2019

Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent Parent Survey. We had a fantastic response, with 43 replies, meaning that well over half of all our families shared their views of the school with us. Here are the key findings about our strengths as perceived by parents:

- **100% of respondents said their child felt safe at school.**
- **98% felt their child was happy.**
- **98% would recommend this school to another parent.**
- **100% felt that children with SEND were given the support they need to succeed.**
- **Over 95% of respondents felt that the school had high expectations for their child.**
- **Over 95% felt that their child does well at this school.**
- **11 of the 12 families new to the school who responded agreed that **the transition and welcome to the school helped their child settle in.****

The governors and the senior leadership team have looked in detail at the answers to all the questions. The class teachers have also looked at your individual comments and suggestions and will be taking these into consideration, in future planning. Particular aspects which we are addressing in response to your comments include:

- **After School Clubs:** we are auditing our clubs provision. It would be great to have a languages club in addition to our offer and we have contacted prospective providers. We will also try to ensure that clubs are spread across the week to avoid clashes. The great news is that we have introduced new Badminton, Computing and Art clubs for next term.
- **Communication:** we now have home/school diaries for all year groups, for parents to note any questions. Teachers are available at the end of the day for informal questions at handover. We realise that many parents work, so we would also urge you to make an appointment to see the class teacher if you have any concerns, or to talk to the Headteacher.
- **Behaviour:** we have a robust behaviour policy with sanctions and strategies to promote excellent behaviour for learning. We always speak to parents individually about any concerns about their child. We take bullying extremely seriously and the children are all taught that it is unacceptable.
- **Personal development:** we consider this to be not just about a broad curriculum, but about character development, good citizenship, and leadership roles. Our values driven ethos, where we encourage pupil leadership and making a difference to others, is a strength of the school.

A note from The Governors: **“It is wonderful that our pupils feel safe and happy at Preston Candover CE Primary School, and that parents generally feel that the school has high expectations of their children, and that they do well here. We are also proud of the fact that parents of children with SEND say they are given the support they need to succeed.**”

Thank you for your comments, both those in support of what we do and for your ideas as to what we could do better. All the responses, including the criticisms, help us to understand how we can continue to improve the school.”