

Halstead Community Primary School

Parent Questionnaire Report 2014 - 2015

We would like to thank all parents who took the time to complete and return their questionnaires. The results present a very positive picture of parents' views of Halstead Community Primary School.

Questionnaires were provided for every child to allow parents with children in different years to express different views if needed. A total of 36 questionnaires were returned across the whole school, representing 48% of the pupils which was a 10% increase on last year's response. The Governors have assumed that parents who have not responded are generally satisfied.

Overall there has been some very positive feedback with a maximum score of 100% or an increase in all but two areas of the questionnaire. In particular we are very pleased that the following questions, among others, again received 100% positive scoring:-

- 'children are happy to come to school'
- 'the quality of the teaching is good'
- that 'parents and children are treated fairly and with respect'
- that 'children are encouraged to become mature and independent'
- that they are 'comfortable approaching the school'

The score on the usefulness of the school website has increased from 48% to 72% which reflects the progress made on the rebuild on the site. However, this is still 'work in progress' and we hope to have it fully populated by the end of the year.

There were two areas in which the scores dropped from last year.

There was some concern from the parents of years R, 1 and 2 that of the range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities were not catered for in the current activities on offer. This has already been changed since the questionnaire was distributed and activities are now on offer for all year groups from Reception.

In addition the score on the promotion of the ethos of a 'healthy school' has dropped from 100% to 94%. The May newsletter has covered the issue of school dinners and of packed lunches as these are both important areas for a healthy focus.

The Board of Governors would like to thank the Headteacher and staff for their hard work in providing pupils with a safe and happy place in which to learn. We will continue to strive to provide the support and tools they need to provide an excellent education to our pupils. We will be reviewing all the areas that received less than 100% positive scoring to see if we can improve those areas.

Thank you again for answering the questionnaire. The Governors are pleased to know that whilst there are some areas of improvement needed the results suggest that there is a high level of parental satisfaction in the quality and provision at HCPS.

Caroline Harrison – on behalf of the Board of Governors