



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND CARERS SURVEY

Thank you so much for your responses to our recent parents survey. We always welcome your feedback to continue improving our school and how we can best work with you in supporting your child.

We were pleased to see high percentages of agreement on the majority of statements (% agreement shown for each one)

- **My child is happy at this school: 93%**
- **My child is safely looked after in this school: 96%**
- **My child is taught well at this school: 92%**
- **The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved: 89%**
- **This school responds well to any concerns I raise: 88%**
- **The school supported my child well with remote learning (or critical worker provision) during the time of lockdown: 90%**

A few statements had slightly less agreement and in response to this, be assured that we are continuing to review our practice in these areas, and want to share a few aspects of this below, as follows:

#### **The school has high expectations for my child: 83%**

Over this term, and into next year, we will be:

- ✓ Surveying our pupils about their learning in class
- ✓ Our subject leaders continuing an on-going review of curriculum planning to ensure the planning for learning is pitched well for all abilities
- ✓ Embedding our revised 'mastery' maths curriculum and our refreshed 'quality text' driven English planning to ensure high expectations and raised achievement for pupils in these core skills
- ✓ Revisiting our uniform expectations and all aspects of our behaviour policy with staff, ahead of the new school year (more details on school uniform to follow)

#### **This school deals effectively with bullying: 84%**

Over this term, and into next year, we will be:

- ✓ Reviewing with pupils, staff and governors our policies and procedures on behaviour and anti-bullying to ensure a consistent approach across the school.
- ✓ Asking our newly-formed Pupil Leadership Team to lead on anti-bullying initiatives around National Anti-Bullying Week later in the year.
- ✓ Setting up again a team of older pupils to be peer mentors/friendship ambassadors to work across the school in the new term, as COVID restrictions allow.

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- ✓ Engaging key staff in further training on anti-bullying strategies in school

**The school supports my child's wider personal development: 84%**

Over this term, and into next year, we will be:

- ✓ Recommencing and expanding our clubs provision to promote learning beyond the classroom
- ✓ Reviewing our PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) curriculum offer for next year, ensuring good timetable coverage for this area
- ✓ Recommencing and expanding our opportunities for children to take part in events (competitions, leadership roles, enrichment learning) across the school and beyond our school as COVID restrictions allow.
- ✓ Ensuring a focus on wider curriculum and participation in events such as our forthcoming Arts Week in July.

The following statement, however, received a lower level of agreement than all other statements:

**The school lets me know how my child is doing through a variety of mediums 72%**

Whilst we recognise this has been a harder time during times of lockdown to have as much contact with parents as usual, we are keen to explore this further ahead of next year, and value your **further feedback** on this. As we move into more 'normal times', we will of course be re-commencing parent consultation evenings early in the Autumn Term and teachers are currently working on end of year achievement reports, which will be shared with you in a few weeks' time. You may also want to be one of the increasing number who are seeing what ACE children are up to through looking at our school Facebook page!

In terms of additional measures for us to keep you informed, please do let us know your ideas over the next week of what would be most helpful to you in getting further feedback on how your child is doing at school. It would be good for us to know what is working well and where the gaps have been, so that we can plan ahead into next academic year, being mindful of your feedback. Here is the link for this:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-DvkfHYhb06MqjKUHbsRc3KZC3sX-OtEqVocxpHYBBJUOUS2WEQ1U0Y2VEI1SVM5WEFRWjg5TVBPRS4u>

Finally, whilst the majority of our parent community, 86%, would recommend Ashford CofE to other parents, we want to see this figure higher to ensure that we are doing all we can to be 'the best we can be'. Please be assured that this vision continues to drive governors, the leadership team and all staff, as we head into the coming months and years.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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co-Heads of School