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"Be the best that you can be"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a lovely summer. Thank you for taking the time to complete the surveys we sent out last term. Your feedback is very much appreciated and has helped us to plan our priorities for this year.

According to your feedback

Our main strengths are:

- The school has strong values and encourages my child to treat others with respect. (98%)
- The learning environment is attractive, vibrant and engaging. (98%)
- The school provides a safe environment for my child. (98%)
- There is a good standard of teaching in my child's school. (97%)
- Overall I am satisfied with my child's school. (97%)
- The school looks after my child. (97%)
- My child is happy at school. (96%)
- I know how well my child is doing at school. (96%)
- I am satisfied with the school's curriculum. (93%)
- My child is progressing well at school. (93%)
- The school's approaches to E-Safety are effective. (93%)
- I am satisfied with the school's communication with parents. (92%)

Our main areas to improve are:

1. The school encourages my child to be healthy through diet and exercise. (83%) (13 parents disagree)
2. The school's approaches to pupil behaviour and discipline are effective. (81%) (7 parents disagree)
3. I am satisfied with the schools out of school hour's clubs. (69%) (8 parents disagree)

Planned improvements:

We are ensuring that all children take part in at least 2 hours of PE each week and Time 4 Sport will be teaching PE to Year 1 to Year 6 throughout the year. We have installed more outdoor physical equipment to increase physical activity throughout the day and will continue to raise money for this. Mr Bradshaw will be working with Sports Leaders to increase games at playtime and Time 4 Sport will also provide lunchtime activities for Key Stage 2 every Monday. We have used clubs to increase participation and this year we are using high quality clubs to focus more on the teaching of key skills and traditional sports.

We have looked at our curriculum and all year groups are increasing opportunities for teaching children about good health. We have bought in Time 4 Sports' 'Healthy Schools Programme' for all Key Stage 2 pupils. Each Year group will be taught about healthy lifestyles through diet and exercise. I will be sending a letter to each Year group with more details when it is their turn. Time 4 Sport will also send information to you throughout this programme, so that you can support what the children have been taught at home.

Playtime snacks and lunches are provided by City Catering, which is run by the Local Authority. The meals are set and planned by a Nutritionist. We will be arranging a meeting with them this term to discuss ways in which a healthier diet could be promoted. We will also be looking at our policy and considering the occasions where we provide access to treat/party food.



Regarding behaviour and discipline we are working closely with all staff to ensure the behaviour policy and rewards system is implemented consistently. We will also be implementing a 'Calmer Schools' programme from October to improve periods of transition and non-curriculum times such as lunch and play.

We work very hard to effectively support individual children with additional needs. It is always our aim to help children improve and to give them the skills to make the best choices. There is never a quick solution for children who require additional support and we ask others to demonstrate patience and understanding. Children will have an individual behaviour plan rather than following the main school policy and teachers do their best to explain this to others in the class.

Exclusion is an absolute last resort and not one that is used lightly. The Local Authority has limited funds and alternative provision, so they expect us to fully support all pupils in our care. We understand that this can be difficult for many children at times as learning can be disrupted, which is why we continue to channel additional funding into the Inclusion Hub and training for all staff. The Inclusion Hub will be providing more information on their work throughout the year and will be hosting another SEND and Wellbeing event on Parents' Evening. Please do pop in and see the staff to find out more or to discuss any concerns you may have.

We will keep you informed of the improvements we make throughout the year. Should you wish to discuss any concerns further please make an appointment to see me.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Keen

