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Dear Families,

Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us - it provides a clear insight into how we are doing as a school and helps us understand what we're getting right and where we can improve.

We are pleased to share that many of you highlighted the following strengths:

- **96% of parents say their child is happy at school (4% (1 family) neutral)**
- **100% agree that their child is safe at school.**
- **96% of parents would recommend our school to others.**

Some of the positive comments you have made are:

'The school is small and nurturing and treats each child equal but not the same which when you have a child with SEN then this is important. The dedication teachers show with extra-curricular activities is also amazing.'

'I think water primary is a lovely family school. Teachers and TA's support my children to be the best they can be. There are lots of sporting activities for my eldest child to do and hopefully will continue to be as my youngest goes through school. Both my children are happy to come to school every day which is so important to our family.'

'We have really liked every single teacher my children have had, we can see the care and warmth from the teachers and they know my children really well which is a great comfort. The teachers are also honest which I appreciate. They always have plenty of time for us when we have needed to chat about anything. They organised family support and helped my children work on their individuality as they are twins. My children have had chance to do extra-curricular activities such as young voices and a dance show which one of my children joined in with and felt proud of himself. Very approachable staff and happy to let my boys follow own interests such as reading our own library books at home, which has really helped improve their vocabulary and learning. Thank you Water School!'

'Absolutely everything. Every child is known well by all the staff not just their class teachers'

These comments are wonderful to receive, the staff at Water Primary School go above and beyond in everything they do and the feedback is gratefully appreciated.



We also received constructive suggestions for improvement, including:

Opportunities to strengthen communication and to keep parents informed on how your children are doing in school (especially in the EYFS).

What we do now:

- At our school, we are committed to keeping families informed and engaged. Each week, we publish a newsletter which includes updates on classroom activities, upcoming events, timetables, and important notices. This information is also available on our website, and we regularly share updates via our social media channels.
- We hold two parents' evenings each academic year, along with a written end-of-year report to keep you informed about your child's progress.
- If you need to contact the school, please call us on **01706 216414** or email **enquiries@water.lancs.sch.uk**. Your message will be directed to the appropriate staff member.
- While we always aim to reach out to families when issues arise, we encourage you to contact us at any time if you have concerns or questions.
- We hold regular 'subject' forums to keep parents updated on how/what we teach in our curriculum.

In response to your feedback, we are also exploring ways to improve communication for our EYFS families to bridge the gap between nursery and reception.

Opportunities for homework

What we do now:

Homework and Home Learning

- As a school, we have made the decision not to set weekly homework. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that homework has limited impact on progress for primary-aged children. We ask that children:
 - **Read every night** – Reading is proven to strengthen all areas of learning.
 - **Engage with Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed** – These platforms help reinforce key skills in a fun and interactive way.
- Additionally, your child's class teacher updates the class page on our website each half term. These updates outline what your child will be learning in the coming weeks and offer opportunities for families to explore these topics together at home.

In response to your feedback, we will further explore the idea of offering further learning activities at home.

Opportunities for children who are more able

Supporting All Learners – Including More Able Children

At Water Primary, we are committed to meeting the needs of every child, whether they require additional support or show advanced ability in a particular subject.

A **more able child** is one who demonstrates higher levels of understanding, skill, or potential in a specific area of learning compared to their peers. This could be in subjects such as maths, English, science, or the arts. These children may grasp concepts quickly, think critically, or produce work of a high standard for their age.



Our teaching approach is designed to stretch and strengthen learning for all pupils. Teachers have **high expectations** for every child and tailor their lessons to ensure each learner is challenged appropriately. We believe in our motto:

“We treat everybody equally, just not the same.”

This means that while every child is valued equally, the way we support and challenge them may differ to suit their individual needs.

For example:

- In **maths**, we use a mastery approach. Children are given challenges that vary depending on their level of understanding.
- In **English**, writing outcomes may differ. Some children may receive additional support such as word banks and sentence stems, while others are encouraged to use ambitious vocabulary, read more complex texts, or structure their writing in more sophisticated ways.

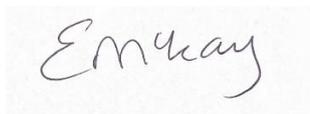
Looking forward, we will explore further enrichment opportunities to enhance learning for our children in all aspects of the curriculum such as STEM.

Thank You for Your Feedback

We warmly welcome all suggestions for improvement as we continue to strive for excellence at Water Primary. Your feedback is invaluable, and we will carefully consider your ideas to see how we can adapt and enhance our current practices.

You will find the full results of the questionnaire for your reference as a separate document on the website. We truly appreciate your engagement and support - it plays a vital role in helping us grow and improve for the benefit of all our children and families.

Yours sincerely



Miss E. McKay
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