



Parent Questionnaire 2014/2015

Thank-you to all those parents who completed this year's parent questionnaire, we have once again received very positive results and some great comments from parents. It is always interesting to see thoughts from a parent's point of view so that we can take on board the feedback to enable the school to continue to grow and improve.

Hoyland Common's vision statement is: *Developing confident, happy, self-motivated learners who enjoy learning and see it as a lifelong adventure.* We asked parents if they believed that the school achieved this vision, only 0.83% were unsure while everybody else was satisfied that HCPS fulfilled the vision.

All parents who returned their parent questionnaires answered yes to questions "my child is making good progress at HCPS" and "my child is taught well at this school and I am happy with their progress". 94.96% of parents agreed that they received valuable information from the school regarding their child's continuing progress however 1.68% of parents disagreed. One comment mentioned the timing of parents evening 'Parents evening is great during the first term, but December is a very busy month and has been difficult to arrange time off work for both parents to attend.' Whilst we understand that parents evenings are not always convenient dates for parents, they are planned as near to the end of a whole term to allow an over view of their child's progress throughout the term. We do encourage parents to speak to a member of staff if they have any concerns or would like more information on their child's progress at any point throughout the year. One parent commented 'I am extremely proud of my daughter and the progress she is making, she enjoys coming to school', another added 'My child loves HCPS and all the staff involved in her education. The facilities are great and my child has made great progress through year 1 and 2 so far. A great school I am proud to send my child to'. 93.22% of parents expressed that they would feel confident that any issues raised with staff would be resolved to their satisfaction, 5.93% of parents answered unsure. Comments to support their answers include "issues which have already been raised are still happening in the class" however a differing viewpoint to this was that one parent commented "unsure as I have not yet had to raise any."

When asked if homework which was received was age appropriate only 1.59% of parents did not agree. One parent stated "My child seems happy at school and we are pleased with the progress he is making. In past years the amount of homework given has seemed excessive at times, although we do understand 'high expectations' it has in the past caused us concern when our child has become upset. We are generally happy with the school though and our child seems so too." We do understand that many of our children also have busy lives out of school engaged in numerous sports, clubs and activities but homework is still an important part of school life. HCPS offers a homework club to pupils during Tuesday lunchtimes where members of staff are on hand to help pupils with any homework tasks, we also have an after school ICT drop in every Tuesday evening where families are welcomed to use schools facilities to complete homework etc. Leaflets are available to download from the school website which also give indicators as to how to help your child with homework tasks. 98.32% of parents believe it to be true that extra-curricular activities, trips and learning enhance their child's education, the remaining answered unsure, the reason being that their

children are currently in Foundation Stage where no after school clubs are available for pupils in this year group to take part in. "My children really enjoy the after school clubs and gets a lot from these, as well as gaining social skills they learn new skills or new sports" was a comment made by a parent in year 5/6. Another parent noted "I have two children at Hoyland Common Primary School and couldn't be happier with the school, the standard of teaching is excellent and both are developing in to confident individuals. The after school clubs are great. My daughter attends the athletics club and I really appreciate the time and dedication Mr Hasteley puts in to this she loves it and has enjoyed the challenge of the competitions at the EIS. I can't thank the teachers enough for the progress they are making."

99.21% of parents responded yes to 'my child feels safe at HCPS' and 'my child is well looked after at HCPS'. The safety and care of our pupils is of great importance, "We have been really pleased with how our daughter has settled in her first year at HCPS and this is mostly down to the caring and dedicated nature of the teaching staff. We look forward to seeing her develop and progress through the school years" as well as "I am more than happy with Hoyland Common Primary School. My children have learnt so much and thoroughly enjoy coming to school to learn more. They have the highest respect and admiration for the teachers and staff, what a wonderful school" were just some of the comments made by parents praising the caring nature of staff at Hoyland Common. We aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment to both pupils and parents. 'Both my girls are very happy at HCPS. They are both progressing really well and I believe the teachers really engage the children in the different topics. I really cannot find any negatives.' This comment along with many others coincides with the 97.62% of parents that answered yes to 'my child is happy at HCPS'. If your child is not happy at HCPS please speak to a member of the HCPS team who will try their very best to deal with any issues or worries that your child may have about school.

'Any issues of bullying are dealt with quickly and effectively?' We received some great results and comments surrounding this question. 0% of parents answered no, while 20.97% of parents chose unsure, the comments to back up this answer were that they had not experienced bullying so therefore could not comment on how it would be dealt with. "We have not had any issues yet regarding bullying so I can't comment on how it is handled. My son is very happy at school and we are happy with his progress." 95.25% of parents agree that HCPS promotes an anti-bullying culture, the remaining parents answered unsure. Anti-bullying is promoted all year round however as a school we celebrated 'anti-bullying week' in November 2014, some of the work and activities which the children carried out is available to view on the school blog and also throughout school. In regards to the question 'HCPS ensures all pupils are well behaved' only 1.59% of parents did not agree this to be true, any issues with behaviour are dealt with accordingly and follow the appropriate channels.

94.02% of parents agree that the school is well led and managed with the remaining parents answering unsure. If any parents would like to know more about the senior leadership team, a staffing structure is available to view on request. One parent mentioned "Hoyland Common is a great school with fantastic teachers and an enthusiastic Headteacher who can always be seen in the grounds on a normal day and all events which is lovely to see he is so involved with daily school life. Keep up the great work it is really appreciated by this parent." When asked if parents were aware of the role of the Governing body 9.24% of parents answered no. A governor open event was held in October 2014 where parents were invited to come along and ask questions and get information about the various roles and responsibilities of the Governing body. The Governors section of the blog is currently being improved and we are hoping it will become a more active page for parents to refer to in the very near future. We received a comment from a parent regarding the blog usage which expressed "I would like to suggest that maybe the blog is used more both by the teachers and

governors. I do use the blog and I have found it to be a useful/interesting tool.” This will be taken on board by both staff and governors however be assured that we do our best with the time that we are able to allocate to it. We are happy to receive your constructive comments when content is out of date, lacking or inaccurate.

Overall this year’s parent questionnaire has had an excellent response with some useful comments and feedback. It is remarkable to see that 99.16% of parents would be happy to recommend HCPS to other parents. As always your comments are and will help guide our next phase of school development.