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Parents' & Carers' Survey - September 2022 – The Results!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for responding to the survey which we issued in September 2022 this year. We received back 44 completed surveys and I am now happy to include the results. We appreciate and value all of your feedback, particularly your kind comments about the school and ideas regarding how we can improve Dovecotes further.

I also would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our spectacular successes in statutory tests at the end of July 22 for which I am immensely proud of the staff and pupils of Dovecotes. Results showed that:

- Outcomes are **well above** national figures in Y1 Phonics.
- Outcomes are **in line** with national average figures at the end of Key Stage 1 for pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading Writing and Maths.
- Outcomes are **well above** national average figures at the end of Key Stage 1 for pupils achieving the Greater Depth Standard in Reading Writing and Maths.
- Outcomes are **above** national average figures at the end of Key Stage 2 for pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading Writing and Maths combined.
- Outcomes are **well above** national figures at the end of Key Stage 2 for pupils achieving the Greater Depth Standard in Reading Writing and Maths combined.

And now to the survey.... Please find below details of some of the positive feedback received from parent/carer surveys showing how you value:

- Feedback on how well my child is doing
- Encouraging children to achieve to the best of their abilities.
- The school really takes care of the students - they are the main priority.
- Empathy and communication.
- Working with the children and teaching them right from wrong.
- Kindness, friendliness and understanding.
- Excellent mix of academic and personal development.
- Diversity of pupils and equality of opportunities.
- Dovecotes is a lovely school with friendly staff.
- Dovecotes always sends texts and letters to keep us up-to-date.
- The school has fantastic teachers and we believe the support and values the school and pupils follow are great to help our children grow and succeed.
- Children are happy at school and enjoy the subjects and trips.
- The school is very supportive if there are any concerns.
- After school activities are enjoyable.

Based on the results of the survey, we will:

- Improve communication with parents/carers by placing all letters on our school website and launching a Facebook page to showcase and communicate all the good work that happens at school. We have also developed termly curriculum coverage sheets so that you know exactly which topics, knowledge and skills we cover in each subject for each year group. The sheets for Autumn Term will be sent out this week via text and added to the school website.
- Employ PE specialists to deliver more sports activities during the school day, at lunch time and after school. We will also do our best to put on additional sports clubs at certain holidays periods during the school year.
- Support children and families with mental health and emotional regulation by putting on workshops that explain how the school manages pupil wellbeing in line with best practice guidance. We will also set up a Mental Health and Wellbeing page for parents on our school website.
- Ensure that homework is supplied on paper as well as on Teams. Your child should ask their class teacher if they need a paper copy.

Please remember that:

- The school always subsidises educational school trips so that parents do not have to pay the full costs. We are also more than happy to subsidise families who are unable to cover the full costs of school trips. Please ring the school office if this is the case.
- Although the school has many teaching assistants who are valuable members of our teaching staff, only Higher Level Teaching Assistants will ever plan and deliver lessons to children. If a teacher is off ill, your child will be taught by a teacher in the first instance and only ever a teaching assistant in case of emergency/ unplanned absence.
- We still have spaces left in many of our after school clubs such as Wild Tribe forest school, Arts and Craft, Design Technology, KS1 football, Dance, Singing and Environmental Club. Please encourage your children to come and join the fun.
- Our SENDco, Mrs D Turtle, is always available for SEND updates on your child and operates an open door policy. Please ask at the main office to make an appointment should you wish to discuss your child's SEND targets or need additional support with regards to your child's SEND needs.

And finally, as the surveys were anonymous, please contact school should you wish to speak to myself, Miss Challenor, to discuss any matters face-to-face.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Miss Challenor and the Dovecotes staff team.

Survey Results (44 responses)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Strongly Agree and Agree Combined
1. My child is happy at this school.	39%	53%	4%	4%	0%	92%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	48%	48%	4%	0%	0%	96%

3. The school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.	36%	51%	2%	2%	9%	87%
4. The school deals with concerns of bullying quickly and effectively.	48%	41%	7%	4%	0%	89%
5. I know the school's core values.	43%	48%	0%	2%	7%	91%
6. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	23%	57%	2%	11%	7%	80%
7. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	50%	39%	2%	9%	0%	89%
8. My child has SEND, and the school gives him/her the support needed to succeed.	19%	27%	0%	2%	52%	46%
9. The school has high expectations for my child and expects him/her to work hard.	34%	53%	0%	2%	11%	87%
10. My child does well at this school.	55%	39%	0%	2%	4%	94%
11. The school lets me know how my child is doing and there are regular opportunities to discuss my child's progress.	35%	59%	0%	4%	2%	94%
12. The school enriches my child's life experiences with a good range of subjects and educational visits.	32%	59%	0%	7%	2%	91%
13. My child has a love for reading and reads widely and often.	52%	42%	2%	4%	0%	94%
14. I know how to help my child with their homework.	49%	45%	0%	4%	2%	94%
15. My child knows who to speak to if they are upset or unhappy at school.	25%	59%	6%	6%	4%	84%
16. The school teaches my child to have an interest in, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values.	39%	57%	0%	2%	2%	93%
17. The school teaches my child how to lead a safe, physically and mentally healthy and active lifestyle (including how to stay safe online).	34%	55%	0%	4%	7%	89%
18. My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality.	52%	48%	0%	0%	0%	100%
19. My child can take part in clubs and activities that develop his/her interests.	43%	55%	0%	2%	0%	98%
20. The school supports my child's wider personal development through it's core	39%	55%	2%	2%	2%	94%

values – Be Ambitious, Be Kind, Be Honest, Be Brave, Be Creative, Be Healthy, Be YOU.						
21. The school is well led and managed.	37%	48%	0%	4%	11%	85%
22. I would recommend Dovecotes to another parent.	41%	45%	4%	4%	4%	88%