



Dear Parents,

Response to Parent Questionnaire

At the end of last term, the annual governor parent questionnaire was completed and we have now collated the results. We accepted that there might be fewer responses due to the Ofsted inspection also requesting your views only a couple of months earlier. The total number of completed forms was therefore smaller than usual at 64. However, the Ofsted parent view site doesn't allow the school to see any individual comments, so doing our own questionnaire has proved valuable. You can see the numerical results attached to this letter.

As with other recent surveys, the vast majority of parents have submitted encouraging responses, creating a very positive picture of the school's work, which all the Clinton staff and pupils should feel very proud about. They generally confirm the Outstanding categorisation that the Inspectors awarded the school in the summer.

Although still receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback, there are some areas which provoke further consideration. The governors have met already this term and considered the following issues and how we should respond:

Homework

It's clear from a number of comments that some parents would like more homework, whilst others would prefer less or none at all. It's a contentious issue, and, with the homework policy being due for review by the governing body this academic year, there will be a chance to consider whether we're getting the balance right between ensuring children have down time and time to play and also ensuring they have had the same level of practise at various skills as their peers at other schools so they're not behind by secondary school. Currently children at Clinton do as well as anywhere in Warwickshire in terms of the standards they reach by the end of year 6.

Information about progress

School reports hadn't been issued before the questionnaire was completed and consequently there were some responses from parents new to the school asking about the provision of information about their child's progress. We will in future ensure parents know what to expect by means of meetings and

reporting from teachers, but would also emphasise that parents can approach their teacher at any point in the year to discuss progress.

Sport provision

There is a perception that sport is not as high a priority as academia and music. Even though a great investment of time and money has been put into sport over recent years we recognise that fuller communication about the opportunities may be required to show that it's high on our priority list.

Communication

We asked about how communication could be improved on the survey and several helpful suggestions were made that we will review over the year ahead. Because the school puts on so many events and provides as many opportunities for the pupils as possible (despite having a fairly small number of staff, and with a very stretched admin team), there are occasions when communication is at too short notice or errors in the information given are made. We apologise for any mistakes, but ask for understanding given that the reason it happens is largely due to an appetite to provide many exciting opportunities with limited capacity. Nonetheless, the governors are committed to keeping our communication processes under review and encouraging improvements wherever possible.

Future development

Regarding steps forward, there were ideas about how the school could become more 'green'. Some want us to look at school dinners again, to see if Educaterers can go over and above the government's nutritional standards in order to set good eating habits for the children. We will be exploring what can be done over the coming months.

Some people were also keen for us to maximise the potential of the new innovation lab, and would like to see more outside learning. Again, the Head Teacher and his staff will be preparing to exploit the new facility as much as possible, but any specific suggestions would be very welcome.

Finally...

The many thoughtful responses you have provided have enabled governors to set the year's school development priorities. We are very grateful for the time you have given to offer these. As the year goes on, we will communicate back on how we're evolving as a school and we're sure you'll see your thoughts reflected in our work. Our next step will be to finalise the development priorities which will be published on the website soon.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Williams
Chair of Governors

Parent Questionnaire Results July 2019

64 forms completed

Each response worth 1.6%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Comment	Strongly Agree+Agree	2018	2017
1. My child is making good academic progress	56.3	37.5	4.7	0.0	1.6	93.8	94.1	94.1
2. When I'm at school I see pupils behaving well	46.9	53.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	95.6	94.1
3. Clinton is helping my child develop social skills e.g. perseverance, focus, empathy and collaboration	57.8	39.1	1.6	0.0	1.6	96.9	95.6	94.1
4. My child enjoys their time at school	64.1	34.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	98.4	94.0	N/a
5. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	51.6	34.4	7.8	4.7	1.6	85.9	89.6	N/a
6. My child is well looked after in school	60.9	35.9	1.6	0.0	1.6	96.9	92.5	95.3
7. My child feels safe at school	60.9	37.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	98.4	98.5	96.5
8. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	43.8	39.1	14.1	0.0	3.1	82.8	89.6	N/a
9. I am confident that if I asked about my child's progress the class teacher would be happy to meet me at any point during the year	68.8	28.1	1.6	1.6	0.0	96.9	100.0	N/a
10. I am confident that the school would respond well to any concerns I raised	56.3	31.3	6.3	0.0	6.3	87.5	88.1	85.9
11. The school is well led and managed	62.5	26.6	1.6	3.1	6.3	89.1	94.0	88.2
12. The school helps to instil good morals and values	64.1	31.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	95.3	97.0	95.3
13. The school deals effectively with bullying	40.6	29.7	3.1	1.6	25.0	70.3	59.7	N/a
14. I would recommend Clinton to another parent	67.2	20.3	3.1	3.1	6.3	87.5	91.0	91.8

	Yes	No
16. I know the information about the governors is freely available, publicised in the newsletter and reported on the website	89.1	10.9
17. I am aware of the work undertaken by the Clinton Board of Governors	78.1	21.9