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Governor Response to Parental Questionnaire 2016

This report was discussed with some governors & will be taken to our Autumn Term Meeting

We received 10 responses to our questionnaires and would like to thank those of you who took the time to reply.

We are always looking at ways to improve our relationship with parents/guardians so as to help the children in our care.

All questionnaires returned were pleased or very pleased with all aspects of the school we asked you about.

Only one reply said that they did not feel part of the school. Please let us know if there is any way we can support you in feeling more a part of our school family.

Things our parents are pleased with:

- The reading scheme this year & that books are changed every week.
- Improvement in keeping parents informed.
- "The school is a lovely place and a great community".
- Helping their child become a lovely person.
- The support their child receives.
- The relaxation activities before SATS were a really good idea & relaxed the children.
- The caring & support of all staff.
- The lengths teachers go to get help & support for children.
- Communication is better.



We are delighted by these comments and hope that they show how much we do try to support our pupils to do their best, while also helping parents & families to support them too.

Any concerns expressed:

- One parent expressed concern about the puddle at the bottom of the bank stopping access from the bottom car park & people then driving up to school, making it congested & unsafe. We are passing your concerns on to the parish council.
- A request was made for school to grit the public path from the car park to school. While we would like to accommodate this as it is a safety issue, I am sure you appreciate that this would incur a cost to school as we do have to purchase our own grit. We will plead with the parish council to see if they can support us first, but then see what we can do as a school.
- One parent asked that we keep improving communication, particularly making parents aware of any important conversations that have taken place with a child.

We are always looking for ways of improving our communication with you and are always open to any further suggestions as to how we do this.

Thank you again for your responses and we are delighted that you are so pleased with the school. Please remember to come into school at any time if you have any concerns.

Mrs. J. Lewin

On behalf of the Governing Body of St. Mary's

