

Notes on the survey process

- ❖ Recognising the expectation that LGCs will have '**mechanisms for enabling the board to listen, understand and respond to the voices of parents/carers**', the LGC have surveyed parents/carers views annually since 2018. This document provides detail of the responses which governors discussed on 25th January.
- ❖ The Ravenfield LGC surveys utilise the same questions that Ofsted ask on the ParentView website when inspecting a school.
- ❖ To ensure the survey provides an accurate picture of the responses, where a parent has 3 children in school, 3 'votes' are recorded against each question; 2 children equates to 2 'votes'. If a parent records a different answer for their children, this is built into the analysis.

In the table below you will see the numbers of parents/carers who answered in each option. In addition to the numbers of responses, governors have also included the percentage of responses this number represents. Some slight variations are explained by rounding up/down to a single percentage.

Responses to questions that applied to all children Responses representing 122 out of 188 children on roll	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school	97 (80%)	21 (17%)	4 (3%)		
My child feels safe at this school	99 (81%)	22 (18%)	1 (1%)		
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	81 (66%)	33 (27%)	4 (3%)		4 (3%)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	80 (66%)	41 (34%)	1 (1%)		
The school has high expectations for my child	81 (66%)	40 (33%)			1 (1%)
My child does well at this school	78 (64%)	43 (35%)			1 (1%)
The school lets me know how my child is doing	75 (61%)	45 (37%)	2 (2%)		
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	78 (64%)	42 (34%)	1 (1%)		2 (2%)
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	80 (66%)	35 (29%)	4 (3%)		3 (2%)
The school supports my child's wider personal development	71 (58%)	45 (37%)			6 (5%)

Responses to questions that only applied to some children		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
If your child has been bullied, the school dealt with this quickly and effectively	Of 34 responses to this question	18/34 (53%)	12/34 (35%)	4/34 (12%)	
If you have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	Of 63 responses to this question	29/63 (46%)	26/63 (41%)	8/63 (13%)	
If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities – the school gives them the support they need to succeed	Of 27 responses to this question	15/27 (56%)	10/27 (37%)	2/27 (7%)	

... and finally everyone was asked to respond to this question ...

I would recommend this school to another parent	YES 120 (98%)	NO	UNSURE 2 (2%)
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The responses representing 122 out of the 188 children on roll, was significantly more than the 32 responses received by Ofsted when the school was inspected in May 2023. The spread of Ofsted responses also reflects that provided to governors in this survey. Governors are very grateful that so many parents provided us with this feedback which so helpfully informs our work and that of the staff.

All parents rightly make up their own mind about their child's school, but governors hope that newer parents will be encouraged that such a high percentage of parents would recommend the school to others.

The responses to questions relating to all children were overwhelmingly positive this year, with only a very small number of parents who *disagreed* and no one who strongly disagreed to any question asked. In all questions, the answers this year have shifted from *Agree* towards *Strongly agree*. This is especially pleasing, indicating that approaches and communication about the aspects of school life that the survey covers, are being strengthened year on year. Governors and the Principal know that there is no room for complacency though and are still ambitious for future surveys to convert an even greater number of responses towards those who '*Strongly agree*' as the academy develops still further.

Whilst everyone at Ravenfield can be justly proud of the positive results of this survey, it is always important for staff to know if any parent has any concerns or queries at any time. Of the parents who had raised a concern during the year, the fact that 87% agreed or strongly agreed that this had been dealt with properly is very encouraging. The school can clearly not deal with an issue if they don't know about it and it is consequently pleasing that parents feel that they can approach the school if they have a worry at any time.

The positive responses and the fact that some parents used the survey form to record their appreciation for the work of the academy was lovely, and findings will be shared with staff. Just three parents chose to comment on the reverse of the survey form, providing suggestions and/or further details about any concerns they had. This is helpful and although the survey is not intended to replace the need for dialogue between school and home around the needs of individual children, these comments were passed to Miss Jepson who will speak to parents concerned, unless she had already done so.

Governors hope you found this information useful and thank you again to those that took part in the survey. Our aim is for us as governors to work together with parents/carers, academy staff and Maltby Learning Trust, to help Ravenfield Primary Academy to be the best school possible for all our children.