



Ravenfield Primary Academy LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Parent/Carer survey Autumn 2019



FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF OUR SURVEY . . .

- ❖ Earlier this term, your Local Governance Committee (LGC) conducted a survey of all parents/carers and a summary of the findings was included in the LGC Parent /Carer Newsletter in December 2019. As promised this document provides some further details of the responses received including both RESULTS OF THE AUTUMN 2019 survey and PROGRESS OVER TIME
- ❖ As indicated in the newsletter, there is a requirement placed upon governing bodies to have in place *'mechanisms for enabling the board to listen, understand and respond to the voices of parents/carers'*. From October 2018 the LGC now take actions to collect and analyse this kind of information *ourselves* rather than relying on surveys conducted by others
- ❖ Your views reflected 116 out of a possible 187 pupils, slightly fewer than last year, but a sustained increase on the 80 received by Ofsted when Ravenfield was last inspected in January 2018
- ❖ Our survey continued to use the questions that Ofsted ask when inspecting a school with very slight modifications - we added *'cyber bullying'* in question 8 and an option of *'Unsure'* in question 13
- ❖ Using this same set of questions is now enabling governors to compare the responses over time. This importantly also reflects different *'cohorts'* of parents/carers as our school population changes. The most recent survey continued to provide a very encouraging picture reflecting the progress made at Ravenfield since Mrs Hepworth's appointment in September 2018 and now being sustained under the leadership of our new permanent Principal, Mrs Coates. No parent ticked *'strongly disagree'* to any question this time and the proportion of parents answering *'strongly agree'* has risen or stayed the same in all but one question. (see Q8 below) Governors recognise, of course, that any new approaches need to continue to be fully embedded to enable pupil outcomes to rise and our discussions have focussed on those questions where we hope to see real incremental progress over time
- ❖ A detailed analysis of the survey and potential ways forward to address some of the issues raised has already been discussed by governors and will continue over the year. We are committed to ensure that surveys such as this have a *real impact* on how Ravenfield operates and the experiences your children have in school. Governors will continue to keep you informed of the work of the Local Governance Committee during the year through our LGC newsletters which we hope you find helpful
- ❖ If you have any questions about the details below, please email info@ravenfieldprimaryacademy.com marked 'for the attention of Liz Buxton'

*Governors are very grateful to all those parents/carers
who responded to the survey - thank you*

Summary of progress over time . . .

	OVERALL POSITIVE (strongly agree + agree)			OVERALL NEGATIVE (disagree + strongly disagree)					
	Ofsted Jan 2018	LGB Oct 2018	LGC Autumn 2019	Ofsted Jan 2018	LGB Oct 2018	LGC Autumn 2019			
1. My child is happy at this school	75%	98%	99%	24%	2%	0%			
2. My child feels safe at this school	74%	99%	99%	24%	1%	0%			
3. My child makes good progress at this school	60%	95%	94%	38%	2%	2%			
4. My child is well looked after at this school	72%	96%	100%	27%	1%	0%			
5. My child is taught well at this school	59%	97%	94%	32%	1%	0%			
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	56%	84%	82%	39%	9%	13%			
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	68%	94%	94%	29%	3%	0%			
8. The school takes active steps to deal with bullying & cyber bullying	39%	69%	60%	35%	2%	3%			
9. This school is well led and managed	49%	90%	94%	41%	0%	0%			
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise	54%	88%	85%	41%	4%	1%			
11. I receive valuable information about my child's progress	55%	89%	94%	44%	6%	5%			
	Yes			No			Unsure		
	Ofsted Jan 2018	LGB Oct 2018	LGC Aut 2019	Ofsted Jan 2018	LGB Oct 2018	LGC Aut 2019	Ofsted Jan 2018	LGB Oct 2018	LGC Aut 2019
12. I would recommend this school to other parents & carers?	55%	85%	93%	45%	1%	0%	n/a	13%	7%

Responses which governors have considered in more detail . . .

Q3 - the vast majority of you are happy with the progress your children are making which is very encouraging and reflects your views about the quality of teaching your children receive in. However, governors are mindful that progress in school as judged against national expectations and that achieved in other schools, still has some way to go. Strategies introduced by Mrs Hepworth and built upon still further by Mrs Coates are ensuring that the expectations of just what our Ravenfield children can achieve better reflects the national expectations of the socio-economic profile of our community.

Q6 - across the country, homework often has very polarised responses, but national expectations place responsibility on all schools to show that homework is actively encouraged and this does make a real difference to each child's progress. Mrs Coates is, however, looking at the *consistency* of homework and the *expectations* of children of different ages, and how a greater focus can be achieved on *pre-learning* to help children in class.

Q8 – this was the only question where the 'strongly agree' dipped slightly this year reflected in a slight increase in the number of parents (43) who answered 'don't know' to this question. We feel a lot of strategies are in place, but have asked Mrs Coates to particularly look into ways to better communicate how Ravenfield addresses issues around bullying. Governors feel many 'don't knows' may be parents who have had no experiences of bullying, which would be very encouraging and, we hope, illustrating that 'Rotherham Anti-bullying Award' received in Summer 2018 accurately reflected the school's continued efforts

to be a bullying-free school. Mrs Coates is keen to establish Parent Forums and will raise this issue with parents to check our perceptions of this area are accurate and seek your views on what more we can do.

Q10 - Whilst 99 parents felt the school responds well to any concerns raised, 16 parents said they 'didn't know'. Again, governors hope that this reflects those parents who haven't needed to raise a concern. However, please can we urge any parents who do have a concern at any time, to speak to Mrs Coates in order that she can take the necessary steps to address this – thank you.

Question by question analysis . . .

	STRONGLY AGREE		AGREE		DISAGREE		STRONGLY DISAGREE		DON'T KNOW	
1. My child is happy at this school	88	76%	27	23%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
2. My child feels safe at this school	93	80%	22	19%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
3. My child makes good progress at this school	69	59%	40	34%	2	2%	0	0%	5	4%
4. My child is well looked after at this school	87	75%	29	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
5. My child is taught well at this school	79	68%	30	26%	0	0%	0	0%	7	6%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	58	50%	37	32%	15	13%	0	0%	6	5%
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	68	59%	41	35%	0	0%	0	0%	7	6%
8. The school takes active steps to deal with bullying and cyber bullying	35	30%	35	30%	3	3%	0	0%	43	37%
9. This school is well led and managed	60	52%	49	42%	0	0%	0	0%	7	6%
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise	64	55%	35	30%	1	1%	0	0%	16	14%
11. I receive valuable information about my child's progress	71	61%	38	33%	6	5%	0	0%	1	1%
	Yes				No				Unsure	
12. I would recommend this school to other parents and carers?	108		93%		0		0%		8 7%	

Governors recognise that our challenge continues to be to increase still further the proportion of parents who 'strongly agree' to our questions as opposed to 'agree' and through continued attention to how the school and LGC communicates with you all to reduce any responses indicating you 'don't know'. We hope you found this information helpful and thank you again from the governors for answering our questions.

Thank you too for your continued support for Ravenfield Primary Academy as we all work together to make our school the best it can be.

Liz Buxton

Chair of Governors

On behalf of all the members of the Local Governance Committee - December 2019