

Annual Questionnaire for the Academic Year 2016-2017 – RESULTS

Dear Parents, thank you for completing the annual questionnaire for last academic year 2016-2017. There were 71 responses as detailed in the table below:

71 Questionnaire responses received by the school	
Year R	10
Year 1	14
Year 2	7
Year 3	16
Year 4	9
Year 5	5
Year 6	10

Here are the results

School Total 2017	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No mark
My child enjoys school	77%	23%				
The school keeps my child safe	72%	28%				
The school informs me about my child's progress	44%	56%				
My child is making enough progress at this school	51%	46%	3%			
The teaching is good at this school	63%	37%				
The school helps me to support my child's learning	51%	48%				1%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	49%	44%	3%		3%	1%
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	55%	39%	0%		6%	
The school meets my child's particular needs	55%	42%	1%		1%	1%
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	42%	35%	1%		22%	
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	45%	45%			9%	1%
The school is led and managed effectively	65%	34%				1%
Overall I am happy with my child's experience at this school	79%	21%				

The questionnaire responses received were very positive, with the majority in 'agree' or 'strongly agree' categories. We also compared 2016 results (56 responses) with 2017 results (71 responses) and overall the results of 2017 were even more positive. Please see the **website** for the comparison between both years. Many parents also gave written feedback in addition to completing the questionnaire and this was particularly useful. Where more than one parent wrote a similar comment, I have summarised this into areas for development below and we will work on improving this further during this school year.

Areas for development identified from comments given

1. **Information on children's progress, expected ability and home learning:** Some parents mentioned that they would like more information about their child's progress and expected ability and how they can support their child at home.
2. **Communication:** Some parents mentioned that they would like more regular updates regarding dates and events.
3. **Sporting competitions:** Some parents would like more competitions and sporting events.

Action and information to address these concerns raised:

1. **Information on children's progress, expected ability and homework:** We plan to continue a number of workshops and information meetings about the curriculum in addition to the procedures already in place. Please do visit the school website page under the tab '**Learning Zone**' to access information regarding the EYFS (Reception class) and National Curriculum expectations for each year group (Year 1 to Year 6 classes). Please also visit each subject area page on the website for specific information about each subject. Some parents mentioned that they felt the children had too much homework to complete each week. Year 1-6 have weekly tests in Spellings, and in one area of their Maths Passport. There is also an expectation that children should read at least 5x per week and this should be recorded in the Reading Record Book. All classes get 1x homework task each week (normally English/Maths/Topic) that goes home on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. Home learning provides an excellent opportunity to consolidate learning that has taken place or will take place at school. We will ask parents to complete an additional survey to achieve more detailed feedback and ideas from you in this area. **This will be sent home next week for you to complete.**
2. **Communication:** We send texts and emails via **Teachers2Parents**. We will send **texts** regarding absence from school, Breakfast & After School Club information, outstanding dinner money, general messages from FOMS, school clubs and other school notices and reminders. We will send **emails** with attachments regarding School Newsletters, Class Trip letters, Class Termly Topic, Curriculum information letters and Club notifications. Please also see the school website www.mereworth.kent.sch.uk for further information and for copies of Newsletters and Class Topic/Curriculum information which can be found on the 'Class page.' It is essential that we have up-to-date email and mobile phone numbers from all parents as **Teachers2Parents** is the main way that we communicate with you, in an attempt

to reduce the use of paper. This form of communication is in addition to daily face to face contact with parents at the end of the school day, use of the Contact Book and/or making an appointment to see a member of staff at the school. We also have three annual Parent Evenings to discuss your child's progress: November/March/July. **We will ensure that wherever possible we do not change dates and will provide information to parents well in advance of an event happening. Please be aware that any changes to third party run clubs are beyond the schools control and as soon as we have information we will pass this onto parents.**

3. **Sporting competitions:** We have in place a range of programmes and sporting competitions for this academic year. Mr Mitchell (PE and Sports Subject Leader) has already organised a number of sporting competitions with our collaborative schools (Discovery, Ryarsh and Kings Hill) for football, rounders and netball. We also have our annual cross country event, multi sports event and our own Mini Olympics event (KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2) organised with Igtham, St George, Platt and Ryarsh Primary schools. Our Year 6 pupils will take part in the annual cricket tournament at Kings Hill Cricket Club/Sports Pavilion at the end of the school year. In addition to this we will have 'friendly' football and netball matches arranged with Wateringbury Primary School. Mr Mitchell is also looking into other tournaments and special 'sports' learning opportunities with Aylesford Sports College. Within school this year, we will also run intra-house football tournaments during lunch time, with our School House Captains (Year 6) supporting arrangements and planning for these games.

This school year, all class teachers will continue to receive professional development and training in all aspects of PE and Sports education during curriculum teaching time. This training is delivered at the point of teaching, with a professional qualified sports and PE coach working alongside the teacher during the lesson. We want to ensure that all teaching and learning in Physical Education and Sports is at the highest possible standard. We have also ensured that our wide range of sports clubs will continue throughout the school year and this information is available via the **school website, choose 'LEARNING ZONE.'** then **'PE'** and click on the link **'2017-18 PE Clubs.'**

Your questionnaire responses help us to evaluate all the work that we do at the school and provide staff and governors with valuable information. I would like to thank all the parents that have taken the time to complete a questionnaire and for sharing their views. We are really pleased that the survey information is positive and as a school we will continue to ensure that we do our very best for all pupils and parents. We want Mereworth to be the very best school and will continuously work hard to achieve an 'outstanding grade' from Ofsted.

For further detailed information and to see pictorial results of this annual questionnaire, please visit the **school website** under the tab **'OUR PARENTS'** and then **'SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS.'**

Yours sincerely
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