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Chestnut Lane School Governors' Parent Survey – 2022

At the end of the summer term 2022, the governing body at Chestnut Lane School conducted a Year 2 exit survey to gather the views and opinions of parents and guardians. We decided to focus on Year 2 as we were keen to understand how our families viewed their whole experience of Chestnut Lane School from Nursery to Year 2.

Chestnut Lane School staff and governors are always seeking to achieve the highest standards in all areas. The wellbeing award to the school was a wonderful achievement and we are proud that this area has been recognised by 'The Wellbeing Award for Schools' as a strength.

Feedback opportunities are important to us and although the results of this survey are extremely positive it is the first of its kind and so we are unable to compare it. However, we will use it as a benchmark and strive to improve on the outcomes over time.

As a governing body, we have taken time to review these responses carefully and share our findings with the school leadership team. Below is a summary of the findings and the action we are taking as a school to further improve the quality of education for your children. We have not only focussed on the positives but have looked at the criticisms too, even though these came from a small minority of parents.

Celebrations

There were many results that we were really proud of. A few of these aspects were:

- 90% said their child's experience at Chestnut Lane School was good or excellent.
- Staff, the school environment and the development of a love of learning were listed as the best features of the school.
- 100% of parents felt that staff listen to the children's views and ideas.
- 96% of parents felt their children experienced a good range of subjects, and that the school had a positive impact on behaviour, learning and emotional wellbeing.
- The most popular topic with the children was The Great Fire of London!

Another part of the survey asked - What would improve the education of future pupils at Chestnut Lane School?

The responses here varied.

- One parent suggested partnering with overseas schools.
- Others suggested more maths including maths homework.
- Some suggested more chances to be able to talk with teachers.

Below are some action points that are planned by the school in response to some of the feedback.

Feedback	Planned action
More opportunities to talk to staff	The school plans to continue to grow the number of opportunities for parents to join in school events. Senior leaders are investigating ways to refine a hybrid model for parent consultations and workshops, based on uptake from the parent body.
More maths including homework	Staff are exploring age-appropriate apps and other online learning resources, to complement the current homework offer.
Music – identified as a popular subject	Music is a priority for the school this year. There is a new initiative to expand the children’s experience in this topic with plans to update the resources and staff subject knowledge.
A love of reading is further encouraged across the school.	There has been a heavy investment in new books across the school. Video guides and full reading presentation are available via our school website. The Reading Toolkit is used in all classes, to ensure progression in this area.

Another survey will be conducted in the Summer 2023 and the outcomes will be compared.

The governors would also like to encourage parents to complete the Parent View survey. A link to this survey can be found at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

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Our School Values: Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Independence & Responsibility

