



Hordle CE (VA) Primary School

Parent Surveys 2015

Homework, Behaviour, Progress and Care

Over the course of the year, Governors send out online surveys to all the parents, asking for feedback on various areas of school life. We aim to feedback our findings on a regular basis so that you can see how important your views are to us and most importantly, how we take these forward.

Disappointingly, we had a very low uptake on these surveys last year so we would like to emphasise how much we appreciate you taking the time to complete these (we try and keep these surveys to just a few questions and they are sent out electronically for easy access) - they really are so important to us and the senior leaders at school and we appreciate any feedback you can offer.

Homework

- Always one to divide opinions! The majority of you agree that your child receives appropriate homework for their age and are happy with the amount of homework given
- What works well with the current system of homework? Many of you commented on the flexibility, in particular the Take Away Menu-style homework offered. Several parents commented on how much this helps them work the homework tasks around other evening and weekend commitments. Homework club is also very popular with parents and pupils alike
- The improvement areas – one parent commented on ensuring feedback is always given on the homework, scores given for spellings etc and staff are addressing this . Some suggested more spellings practice for Upper Juniors – this is now in place and is being taught in class instead of at home as this has shown to be more effective

Progress

- 90% of parents who responded to this survey feel that their child makes good progress at Hordle
- Parents commented on how children are treated as individuals and how well the school focuses on meeting the individual child's needs

- Others mentioned that the reward systems in place (eg STEP badge, certificates at Learning Reviews) are good motivators for progress
- Standards and expectations are high and children are effectively challenged to meet and over achieve on their individual targets. Children are given the confidence to meet their targets
- Homeworkopoly and homework club are very popular
- Those who made suggestions for improvements mentioned providing links to useful websites for children and parents to look at in advance of topics covered at school. Again, school staff have received this feedback and will action.

Behaviour

- 90% of parents believe the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved
- Most commented on how the school instils politeness, kindness and respect between children and adults alike
- Many parents notice how children are eager to welcome visitors to the school, holding doors open and engaging with their teachers and other adults
- Bullying is not tolerated and children appear to have excellent friendships within school
- Also, the Hordle Stay Safe code has been taught to all children so that they have phrases to use in order to deal with behaviours they don't like
- For those who suggested areas for improvement, some mentioned how they would like those children who are consistently well behaved to be rewarded. The Governors would like to assure you that there are many reward systems in place across all year groups and these are for all children (orange smiley faces, sporting hero points, house points, superhero-learner of the week, certificates, team reward afternoons to name but a few).
- Following parents' comments, the school will be continue to have a half termly STEP assembly to highlight this initiative and to reinforce this as a strong part of the language of the day

Care

- 100% of parents surveyed feel that their child is well cared for at school
- Among those, many commented on how supportive the school is towards its pupils – helping those going through difficult emotional times, communicating with parents over the phone or face to face if teachers notice anything out of character
- Many commented on how excellent the Year R / Year 6 Buddy system is and how letters home before the child even starts at the school make children feel cared for
- All comments were reassuringly positive!