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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent Survey. Your views are highly valued and will be used to improve the school's offer. On this occasion, 128 families completed the questionnaire, more than ever before, so a huge thank you! I have summarised some of the key areas of success and areas we will be developing over the next few terms. The actual numbers and pie charts from the 'Form' are located here: [Parent Survey 2024](#), if you would like to see it.

Key areas of Success

- **My child feels happy at school**

98% of all parents felt their child was happy at RPA. This is wonderful news. However, if your child isn't happy at any point during their learning years at RPA, please speak with either me, one of the leadership team or pastoral team. We will then be able to address any difficulties your child may be having and provide/direct you to some extra support, if appropriate.

- **My child feels safe at this school**

We are very pleased that 98% of you said that your child feels safe at school. A recent Pupil Voice was equally positive in this area. The results of this can be found here: [Safeguarding Snapshot](#)

- **The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved**

99% of parents agreed with this statement. Our good behaviour has been commented upon many, many times by visitors coming into the school and during trips out of school. Our new behaviour policy is having a positive impact. This has an emphasis on 'positive noticing' and our school rules: 'Respect, Pride & Achieve'. Please read it here: [Behaviour & Exclusions Policy](#)

- **The school makes me aware of what my child will learn each term**

97% of the parents who replied felt that they are aware of what their child is learning. Each term, we upload the Big Picture overviews to the website, here: [Big Picture overviews](#), and post links on your Dojo class pages. Further year group and subject specific information is also available here: [Our Curriculum](#). I welcome any additional feedback and recommendations if you have any ideas as to how we can improve this further.

- **If I have raised concerns, I feel the school have listened and responded appropriately.**

95% of the responses felt that we had responded appropriately. This is an increase of 3% since our last survey, so we are making gains, but there is still work to be done here. This will continue to be a priority for the senior leadership team to improve.



- **My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.**

94% of all the parents with a child with SEND felt that the school was working well with their children. This is great news and a true reflection of the good work Mrs Larbey, the teachers and teaching assistants do each day to ensure each of our pupils with SEND are supported with all aspects of school life. 1 parent disagreed and 1 parent strongly disagreed with this statement. I would like to meet with these parents to discuss what we can do moving forward – please get in touch.

- **My child does well at this school**

98% of you stated that your child does well at RPA and, again, this is something about which we are very pleased.

- **The school lets me know how my child is doing**

93% responded positively to this question. From the comments, we can see that you value parents' evening and Dojo is mostly hailed as a positive; however, some class updates are more regular and higher quality than others. I welcome your suggestions, and this will be an immediate priority.

- **The school supports my child's wider development.**

98% of parents feel that our wider-curriculum offer is good. I am thrilled that so many of you value Skills Builder! For those of you that don't know, we did get our gold mark last year!

Many of you are enjoying our music provision provided by RockSteady, or drum, ukelele or guitar lessons through the ISM Academy. We are still looking to widen this offering further and are in conversation with NMPAT.

The clubs have been a great success too. It is a shame that we are restricted to the days that we can offer these, but the teachers have meetings or directed tasks on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. I will take a look at this though.

- **I would recommend RPA Primary School to another parent**

We are pleased that 95% of you stated that you would recommend RPA to another parent. As the Principal at RPA, I would really appreciate feedback from those of you that commented negatively so that I can take action to improve your experience. It is important to me that as many parents as possible are happy with the school and I welcome your feedback.

- **Would you like to attend a parent forum held with the Principal?**

16% said you would be interested in attending a parent forum and 58% "maybe" interested in attending.

With so many of you possibly interested, I will be holding a parent forum this term. I propose that the first session focusses on: **'The school lets me know how my child is doing'**, as this is the area with the least positive feedback. Details to follow shortly.

- **I am happy with general communication from the school (about school events etc)**

We are delighted that 98% of you are now happy with communication by the school. Your comments show that Dojo continues to have a positive impact, and that you value the weekly updates and the termly parent planner. Some of you did report that information can be hard to find. I will look into this.

I would really like to speak to the parent that suggested the employment of a lollipop person, an outdoor classroom and an all-weather pitch on the field – these are all things that I am working towards and would



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welcome a conversation to the barriers that I am facing. These are also exactly the types of things that can be discussed within the parent forum setting. You know what they say, 'RPA wasn't built in a day.'

- **What do you particularly value about the school?**

A huge thank you to all of you that completed this section, there were some lovely comments.

These included:

- 'The school sets high standards for all children, the caring and friendly staff, and whilst aspirational in its approach, all staff consistently support children to achieve these ambitions'.
- 'The teachers are amazing and nothing seems too much trouble.'
- Continuous improvement
- Happy and safe children
- Communication
- Good teachers, good premises
- Parental inclusion
- Behaviour and Skills Builder
- Manners for the children, empathetic teachers
- Good relationships
- Passionate about the safety of the children
- Supportive, approachable, the school has a nice feel, helpful, compassionate, community feel, kind staff, problems resolved quickly, communication, ethos...

- **What would you like to see improved at the school?**

These are the comments that will help us to continue to improve our offer at RPA.

Your feedback includes:

- More regular updates on child progress
- More club opportunities for EYFS
- More Dojo updates
- More homework feedback/ better quality of homework
- The removal of class assemblies
- Improved outdoor space – sheltered space
- More varied clubs that aren't all run on one day
- More interschool sport matches.

All parental comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2024-2024.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the school's leadership team.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Edwards