

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent and carer survey. We greatly appreciate your time and feedback, which are invaluable for our ongoing strategic and operational planning.

Our school's vision is to provide all children with opportunities to flourish academically, personally, and socially, and to believe in their ability to succeed. We are pleased to report overwhelmingly positive responses to most survey questions, indicating that we are making good progress towards this vision.

Survey Results:

1. **Academic Progress:** Most parents and carers agree that their children are making good progress in their learning. This reflects the effectiveness of our curriculum, the support systems in place, and the opportunities for parents and carers to visit the school, review their children's work, and engage with key teaching and support staff.
2. **Personal Development:** Most parents and carers agree that their children are making good progress in their personal development. Our vision includes providing opportunities for children to discover their passions and interests, inspiring them to continually improve. We have added musical theatre, dance, extracurricular sports, and class trips to support this. We will continue to focus on maintaining and expanding these opportunities in the future.
3. **Happiness and Safety:** Most parents and carers feel that their children are happy and safe at school, which is fantastic. However, our goal is for every child to feel this way. If you have any concerns, please refer to our [home-school communications policy](#) for guidance on who to contact and how to reach them. Additionally, we will be following up with parents and carers to understand why some children may not feel happy and safe, so we can address these issues.
4. **Behaviour:** Most parents view the behaviour of children within the school positively. They report that their children have not experienced repeated negative behaviour, or if they have, it has been appropriately addressed by staff. If you have concerns about behaviour, please refer to our [home-school communications policy](#) for guidance on who to contact and how to reach them. The school's Behaviour Policy will also provide useful guidance.
5. **Recommendation:** We are proud that virtually all parents and carers would recommend Bitham Brook School to others.

Parents and Carers as Partners:

While we appreciate your recognition of our progress, we are committed to continuous improvement. We aim to involve parents and carers as much as possible in their child's journey through school. Here are some opportunities for involvement:

1. **Class Newsletters:** Parents and carers receive information about their child's learning topics each term via a class newsletter, issued through ParentMail before the start of each term. The website also provides up-to-date information on termly topics under the 'pupil area' section, where you can find historical class newsletters.
2. **School Events:** We invite parents and carers to support and enhance children's learning experiences by attending events such as class assemblies and musical theatre performances. Notifications and reminders for these events are sent via the ParentMail app.
3. **Drop-in sessions:** Based on feedback, we have made changes to our drop-in and read sessions to give parents and carers more opportunities to see and celebrate their child's learning. Drop in sessions are planned for Terms 4, 5 & 6. Dates will be issued via ParentMail and can also be found on the 'Latest News' section of the website. A parents evening is planned for Term 3.
4. **Learning Workshops:** We have started implementing learning workshops to support parents and carers with key aspects of their child's learning. In the new year, workshops are planned for Reception reading, Year 1 phonics and Year 4 times tables.

In summary, we thank you for your valuable feedback and for helping us improve the learning experiences and overall development of the children at Bitham Brook. We look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Noble – Chair of Governors