

North School Parent Survey 2018

Forward by: Chair of Governors Jan Blackwell

At the end of last year the Governing Body decided to carry out a parent survey to help us all understand your views on a range of issues that we felt were important. It turns out that you all felt they were important too with **147 individual responses** received over the two-week period which is in line with previous parent surveys we have run and also proportional to Ofsted survey responses.

We wanted to check how happy your child was at North, whether we were communicating with you effectively, your views on behaviour, school meals and visible learning and importantly how financial pressures the school is facing were understood by our parents and school community.

Over the Christmas period we have been analysing your responses and comments and we have already discussed the initial findings at the December Governors curriculum meeting. Whilst your views are critical in helping the Governors monitor teaching and standards, we felt that it was important to be transparent and share the results with you all as well as some of the comments made and some of the actions we would like to take based on the results of the survey. The full report can be found on the parent page of the school website - http://northschool.org.uk/parents/

The responses from the survey were **overwhelmingly positive**, especially when it came to the happiness of your child at North and how the ethos of the school as an important factor in your child's education. Like the whole school community you are rightly worried about the financial pressures the school faces over the coming months and years, but it is pleasing that you remain supportive and a strong theme was your desire to help.

Over the next few pages are the findings of the survey and below are some key action points we have identified that we will be working on going forward.

- 1. Increased communication regarding visible learning and how you can be involved.
- 2. Increased communication on school funding cuts
- 3. More advice and guidance regarding how you can help the school to ease financial pressures.

Thank you again for taking the time to give us your views.

Jan Blackwell