



27th March 2015

Dear Parents

Thank you for completing our online questionnaire. Following a thorough evaluation, we should like to inform you of the key points raised by parents.

What do we do well?

- **Supporting individuals/nurturing and encouraging pupils**

This theme came up time and time again. Here at Leckhampton we work to ensure that every child's needs are met. The appointment of our SENDCO Mrs Curtis has led to greater parental involvement in how the school manages the needs of individual children. There has been a considerable amount of staff training on this subject and we are pleased that many of you are seeing the benefits of this. We want our children to be the best they can be and this will always remain at the heart of what we do.

- **The range of Extra Curricular Clubs**

We believe that this is a strength of our school. Our dedicated team give up their valuable time to ensure that children have a wide range of exciting opportunities. The School benefits enormously from these clubs in terms of sporting achievements, music and dance festivals and sharing our children's talents with a wider audience. The Sports Premium funding has allowed us to run a range of lunchtime clubs which has allowed for groups of children to access sport in a variety of ways.

- **High standards of behaviour and respect**

We believe that high standards of behaviour lead to a strong focus on teaching and learning. We have worked hard to produce a behaviour and discipline policy which reflects the School's ethos. "Be respectful" is one of our school rules and we hope to see it in all aspects of school life.

- **Teaching opportunities**

Leckhampton School has dramatically changed its curriculum this year. We didn't want a scheme that was lifted off the shelf but a curriculum which inspired and interested our children.

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This has resulted in a huge amount of work for all of the staff in developing new schemes of work and topics for children to follow. The leadership team, supported by dedicated staff, are passionate about ensuring that teaching and learning in our school is nothing short of excellent. Thank you to those of you who have acknowledged this in your responses.

- **Communication**

Whilst we know this is something which we can improve upon, thank you to those who recognise how far we have come over the last couple of years.

What can we improve upon?

- **Can the school give us more information on what the children are taught in class so that we can support at home?**

The School publishes the long term plans for the year and curriculum maps for each term for each year group under the curriculum section on our website. There is a section which outlines how you can help at home. We are aiming to make better use of our website so that you can see a greater number of activities which go on in school which will hopefully provide talking points at home. We are also looking to introduce informal classroom drop-ins so that your child can share their favourite pieces of work with you. We are currently planning to run an information evening which will provide parents with an opportunity to learn a little more about the curriculum and ways in which we support your child in school.

- **Can parents have more information on how well their child is doing at school?**

Schools have a statutory requirement to report to parents annually, in writing, commenting on general progress and brief particulars of achievements in all subjects and activities forming part of the school curriculum. There should also be an opportunity to discuss its contents should parents wish. In addition to the statutory requirement, we offer parents the opportunity to meet with the class teacher twice per year in the form of open evenings. We also plan an informal open evening which is a celebration of the work accomplished during the year and allows for families to gain a broader view of the school.

- **Can we have more opportunities to learn at home?**

Parents' views on homework are variable. Some parents would like to see more homework and some would like to see less. The school is currently looking at its homework provision. We feel that homework has its place but should directly support the curriculum if it is to be effective. To this end we are looking at ways in which Maths and English homework can be effectively

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integrated across the year groups. We believe that there should be clear routines and systems so that parents know what to expect and how they can help.

We are also looking at a homework system which works on developing broader skills and aptitudes. This will be voluntary but we hope that everyone will take part in as many activities as they can.

- **Can we have more notice for events and items to be brought in to school?**

We are looking to develop the use of the calendar on our website to include more information on events and their timings. We are hoping to introduce icalendar so that dates will automatically download onto a device so that parents can have these at the touch of a button. We try to give two weeks notice for events where possible but recognise that at times things can be short notice especially in relation to class related items. All staff have been reminded to provide as much notice and detail as possible for events so that they can be included on our calendar.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your comments. Please be assured that all comments and concerns have been taken onboard by the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team and we look forward to working with you to further improve our School.

Yours sincerely
S J Porter
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