

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016



Dear Parents,

Please find attached a summary of the results of our annual parent questionnaire sent out at the end of the Spring term.

You will see that we had a total of 75 responses which represents 35% of the school role. This is the highest response rate since 2010. You will also notice that we have made a direct comparison with the same questionnaire that was filled out by parents online during our OFSTED inspection in June 2015.

The results of the OFSTED (June 15) survey alone (i.e. inspectors did not take account of letters received nor did they speak to any parents during the inspection) resulted in the recommendation to *"ensure that the close relationships with parents, successfully established in the early years, are more effectively sustained as pupils grow older, so that both pupils and their parents continue to feel a high level of engagement with their school"*.

Therefore comparing our most recent survey with the OFSTED (June 15) survey is a valid way of measuring the progress we have made with this recommendation.

As you can see from the table overleaf, there is a marked **increase in positive responses** throughout and a similarly marked **decrease in negative responses**. This indicates that a much larger proportion of parents have a much more positive view of the school than was the case in during the OFSTED inspection. We attribute this to carrying on with and reinforcing the open and proactive relationships we feel we have always had as well as new initiatives such as the regular parent coffee mornings and curricular meetings with class teachers.

We are also particularly pleased that over half the questions yielded over 90% positive responses in the most recent survey whereas only 3 questions yielded the same in June 2015.

The only response that did not result in a positive increase was with the statement "**Friars deals effectively with bullying**". However, it is worth noting that 27% of respondents did not know whether we deal effectively with bullying (as opposed to 15% in the June 15 survey). We interpret the increase in don't knows as meaning that parents do not feel that their child has been bullied and therefore they do not need to know how the school deals with it. We continue to take a highly proactive approach to dealing with bullying on the rare occasions it arises.

We would like to thank all those parents who took their time to air their views. As a staff and governing body we are really pleased to see the improved perceptions parents have of the school. Nevertheless, we are not complacent and will continue to seek out ways to forge even more positive relationships with parents.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burtt