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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of all the Governors and Staff at Midsomer Norton Primary School, we would like to thank all of the parents and carers who completed the recent survey asking for your thoughts on our school. We are pleased to report that overall the responses from the survey were very positive.

Combining those who agreed or strongly agreed to the questions we asked, we can see:

- The teaching is good = 94% positive
- My child is making enough progress = 90% positive
- The school keeps my child safe = 90% positive

Perhaps the best indicator of satisfaction is that you would recommend the school to other parents, with 87% agreeing or strongly agreeing with this statement.

However, we know there are areas where we need to improve. The issue receiving the greatest number of negative responses concerned our After School Provision (44% negative). This is an issue we were already looking to address, so we were very pleased to announce last week that we have been able to significantly improve our clubs programme, a list of which is available through the school [website](#), accessible via the *Our Parents* section.

Generally speaking, the other concerns raised largely relate to the way we communicate with parents. Specifically, parents wanted to know how they could best support their child with their learning, particularly at home. We passionately believe that learning doesn't start and stop at our school gates, so each year group now publishes weekly updates on the school [website](#) detailing what the children have learnt this week, what they will be learning next week and what homework they have been given. This is a new initiative for us and we hope you like it, but if you have any thoughts, we would be pleased to hear them.

We also received a number of comments about our approach to behaviour management, specifically what goes on in the playground. We want Midsomer Norton Primary School to be an enjoyable place to play and learn, so we asked our *Champions for Change* to find out what our staff and pupils think is acceptable behaviour on the playground. We know consistency is important, but sometimes a degree of flexibility can be useful when dealing with a given situation. We also recognise that good internal communication and ongoing training for all staff are key to successful behaviour management. We want our children to enjoy playtime so if you are concerned that this is not the case, please raise this with your child's class teacher.

Parents, governors, staff and pupils are all part of the same team here at Midsomer Norton Primary School and if parents would like to contact the Governors they can do so by emailing governors@msnprimary.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors