

Witley C of E Infant School

'Love, learn and flourish together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents/Carers Survey Spring 2024 – Governors' Response

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete our survey earlier this year. Your views and comments are of great importance to us to help us improve your school and help the Governors understand the key areas for development.

We received 31 responses to the survey compared with 41 in January 2023. Whilst the results are not reflective of you all, they do offer a proportionate indication of your views. The Board of Governors have discussed the results in detail with Mrs Szczepanski and we would like to take this opportunity to pass on some thoughts and comments to you all. The survey results are published on our website.

We are pleased that the overwhelming picture from the responses to the survey is that Witley is considered a good school and continues to improve, particularly in the areas such as communication with families, receiving information on progress and promoting responsible behaviour.

A few points which you have highlighted as areas to review are:

- Being able to make contact with your child's teacher
- Appropriate home learning
- Availability of wrap around care

We have noted some areas for development from individual comments and will work closely with Mrs Szczepanski and her team so improvements can be made.

Safeguarding and safety

A 20mph zone was introduced on our road in the past year, although some vehicles do not heed this warning.

The small size and family feel of the school means children feel happy to attend and are able to feel part of the community; friendships and relationships with staff were very important to you, which means children are willing to share any worries.

Communication

While many responses were pleased with how the school communicates to families, some found that emails to class teachers were not always replied to as quickly as they would like. We will look at the methods of communication with parents to ensure that this works more effectively.

Some responses asked for performances to be on a range of days of the week, others asked for them to be towards the end of the week, to enable more working parents to attend. We will try to ensure that we can accommodate as many needs as possible with our dates.

Curriculum

We received a number of positive comments about our range of learning opportunities, especially outdoor learning.

SEND provision is an area for improvement, to meet the needs of all learners at Witley. Staff have received recent training on adaptive learning and specific needs, and additional staff have been recruited where budgets allow.

We will look at the best way to make home learning appropriate for your children, and ensure that this is communicated in a useful format.

The consideration of sustainability and healthy eating throughout the school community was raised, and we will try to ensure that this is considered.

Personal Development

We are constantly working with our wrap around care provider to ensure we offer maximum sessions. Hen House is a private setting registered with Ofsted and as a business they look carefully at attendance/costings.

We have increased the range and number of after school clubs, and aim to continue with this process. We will try to encourage external providers to ensure as many people can access their booking system as possible and fairly.

Next steps

The feedback we receive from parents and carers helps us to define priorities for our ongoing School Improvement Plan, and helps us to understand the progress we are making towards them. It also hugely strengthens our school community. The current School Improvement Plan is available on the school website, [School Improvement Plan](#) and will be updated for the start of the new school year. It was reassuring to see so many positive comments in response to our survey. We know we can't get everything right, all of the time, for each and every one of you, but we have great pride in the dedication of our team in helping each individual child flourish at Witley.

Here are some of your comments regarding the best things about our school:

'From my experience to date, Witley is the most wonderful village school and the staff are just fabulous.'

'We just love it, friendly welcoming and just amazing, wouldn't change a thing'

'The environment it creates for friendships and learning.'

'The school setting and environment that is fostered which means our child is happy and excited to go in each morning.'

'I am delighted with the progress my child is making at Witley, they love to attend the school which really speaks volumes.'

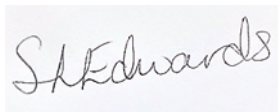
'Thank you for all you do and your commitment and enthusiasm and love for learning that you are conveying to our child. Our child is happy and excited to go to school which is invaluable. And his reading has come on leaps and bounds thanks to you all.'

Governors will refer to the results of the survey when planning their monitoring visits to the school, which they use to observe that changes and challenges are being acknowledged and effectively addressed. They will pay particular attention to the areas described above in the coming weeks and months.

Again, I would like to thank those who took the time to participate in the survey. We really appreciate your comments which have helped us to focus on the key areas that matter to you. There are many ways in which you can help us to achieve the best outcomes for our children; fundraising, sharing your skills and experiences with us, helping with trips or with reading, helping to care for our spaces, and volunteering as governors. Thank you for all that you all do for our children, and if you feel you are able to contribute to the school in any way please do contact the staff.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful staff across the school for their care, experience and dedication in helping our children learn, love and flourish together, thank you. As always, if you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, you are most welcome to contact Mrs Helen Szczepanski, Headteacher, Mrs Phillipa Allison, our Senior Teacher/SENCo or myself.

Kind regards

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Sue Edwards
Co-chair of Governors