



Foxhills Federation Board of Governors

Parent Survey June 2024

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our annual survey of parents' opinions of the Foxhills Federation. Your responses are valuable to us in determining areas you feel should be improved, as well as your opinions on what we are doing well. The response rate across both schools was 34%, (Infant School 38%, Junior School 31%). This is a particularly good response, and indicative of parents' views overall.

Thank you for your very supportive comments, staff really appreciate them, and we would like to share a few with you as below.

- *My daughter learns well and is progressing, enjoying the introduction of forest school.*
- *Really value the inclusion of new clubs, based on feedback from before. Many thanks.*
- *The school is well led. Behaviour management is very good. Academically it is clear that the school really pushes children to achieve the best that they can.*
- *Increased connection between infant and junior schools works well, good to see the school as one.*
- *The quality of work is always very good when I see the workbooks and displays*
- *In general, a very happy school where children from different year groups seem to get on well together and are kind to each other*
- *I'm so pleased with everything the school does - they have my child's progress and love of learning at heart, keeping her supported and enthused. She is thriving at school, due to Foxhills putting their young people first and foremost in everything.*
- *Foxhills Federation is doing the most amazing job. From governance to leadership and the staff and pupils, Foxhills is genuinely the most amazing school. I feel so lucky that my child is part of the Foxhills community.*

We asked you where we could improve our offer, and the following were identified by a number of respondents:

- *Homework is not always appropriate to age, and there is insufficient inter-action with the teacher*
- *Need more opportunities to discuss child's progress, with more frequent reports*
- *You would like more competitive sport, after-school clubs and music tuition, and greater variety in PE*
- *More enrichment activities, residential visits and school productions.*
- *Staff stability - some classes have had several teachers during the year*
- *Better parking – buy the field next to the school.*

All your comments were scrutinised by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors, and we will be actioning them where possible as follows:

Homework. We provide homework via google classroom, and the apps we have to enable children to practice times tables and spellings. Now that we have re-mapped our curriculum, we will be in a position to provide more bespoke homework matched to where children are in their learning journeys.

P.E and games. In September, now we have re-developed our curriculum, we will be applying the skills we have learnt in physical education to specific sports. This will enable the children to have access to tag rugby, cricket, curling, netball, swimming, rounders and more. We are also supplementing our PE curriculum with enrichment opportunities to ensure children can experience more varied sports.

We will be entering two teams for our sporting competitions in the new academic year, a competitive team and an inclusive team.

Class organisation. There was some concern among Junior School parents that class teachers were often out of class. This has been due to the need for teachers to periodically collaborate with senior leaders on curriculum development, and to ensure that both schools follow the same teaching methodology. This process is now complete, and next term will see our new curriculum in place, with consistent teaching practices across the two schools.

Parents' evenings. Next academic year, there will be three formal parents' evenings to ensure you can see how your child is progressing more frequently, as well as celebrations of work. We hope this will enable you to see how your child is getting on, term by term. It will also provide you with the chance to ask more questions and seek clarification.

Traffic control and parking. These are longstanding issues, and we appreciate it is not always possible for parents to walk to school with their children. Whilst an additional car park next to the school would help, we would like to clarify that our budget can be used **only** for the education of children attending the Foxhills schools and is stretched to the limit. Some eight years ago, a proposal by a local landowner to provide a car park plus safe pedestrian and cycle access in conjunction with a small housing scheme was regrettably refused by the NFNP Planning Authority.

We attach the breakdown of the quantitative survey for your information.

Thank you again for participating in the survey which will contribute to our decision making over the next year.

With best wishes



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Chair of Governors



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