

Parent Update

17 June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

School Improvement - Have Your Say

We have now reached a point in our school planning where we have collated the results of the various self-evaluation surveys and other consultations, and have identified the steps we will now take to make improvements based on these. I have attached the results of both the school parent survey and ethos parent survey that were recently completed. From these, the actions that we will take forward next session are detailed below:

Area of Focus	You said...	We will now do...
Parents' evenings and informing parents of their child's progress.	53% in favour of face-to-face in school meetings. 65% satisfied that the school keeps parents well informed of their child's progress.	Parents' evening will return to being in-school events. The time allocated to S1/2 parents' evening will be extended to enable teachers to meet with a greater number of parents.
Communication from school to parents & keeping parents informed of the work of the school.	Requests for more regular information on what's taking place in classes and extra-curricular events. 77% satisfied that the school keeps parents informed about the work of the school and school events.	A weekly news feed will be emailed to all parents and posted via digital forums. This will include information on what students are doing within the school, upcoming dates, parent council updates and any relevant updates from the head teacher. A calendar of school events and parents' evenings will be issued to all parents at the start of the term.
Help for parents in supporting their child's learning at home.	A variety of workshops were suggested.	Parent workshops will take place in school on how to help your child with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning techniques for students with additional support needs• Study skills• Digital learning• Supporting good mental health
School uniform	Include jeans, leggings and hoodies.	These will all be part of the school uniform from August.
Reducing the cost of the school day.	53% satisfied that the school is reducing the cost of the school day.	Tie swaps for senior school ties. Inclusion of more accessible items (black leggings, jeans and hoodies) as part of the

		school uniform and insisting that these are 'logo free' to reduce pressure on parents to buy expensive brands. Change from 'all black' shoes to 'mainly black' shoes.
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All parents will receive further details of the school's improvement priorities at the start of the new school session in August.

School Sports Day & County Sports

Over the past few weeks, our school sports day took place, another highlight of the school calendar that has been missed over the past two years. Our students were wonderfully enthusiastic and it was great to see them all outside and taking part once again. From the various events, a number of students went on to represent the school in the County Sports and came home with a whopping 24 medals, making us all very proud.

Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome parents of S2, S1 and P7 students into the school building to meet some of the staff, find a bit more about the subjects being taught and have a look round our wonderful school facilities. Many thanks to all who came along and we look forward to welcoming more parents into the school next session.

Activity Days

Our annual activity days make a welcome return on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, with a wide range of in school and out of school activities on offer to students. I look forward to seeing our students and staff having some end of term fun with these.

The school will close for the summer at 12.20 pm on Friday 24th June.

I hope that you and your family have a good weekend.

Pauline Allison
Head teacher

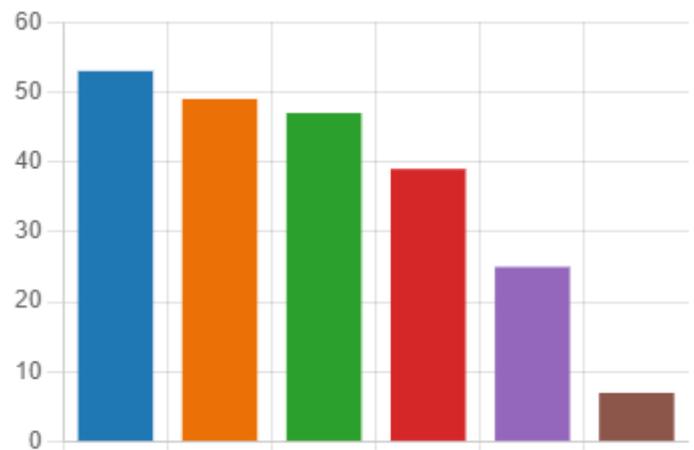
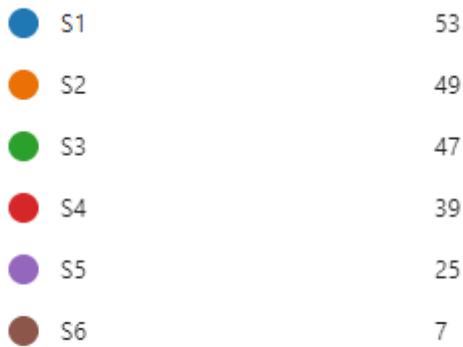
DCHS Parental Survey Results

May 2022

182 Responses

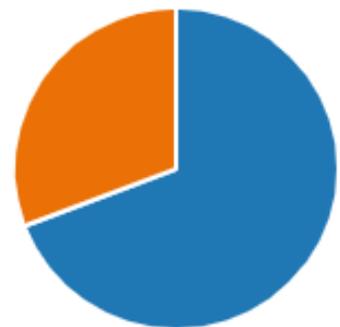
1. Which year is your child/children in?

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2. Did you attend any of the virtual parents' evenings this year?

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3. If you did not attend a virtual parents' evening, what was the reason for this?

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● The date/time didn't suit	13
● Unable to access IT	11
● Dislike virtual meetings	20
● Other	21



4. For next session, what would be your preference for parents' evenings?

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● Face-to-face in school	96
● Virtual	53
● No preference	33



5. When you contact the school, generally how quickly do staff get back to you?

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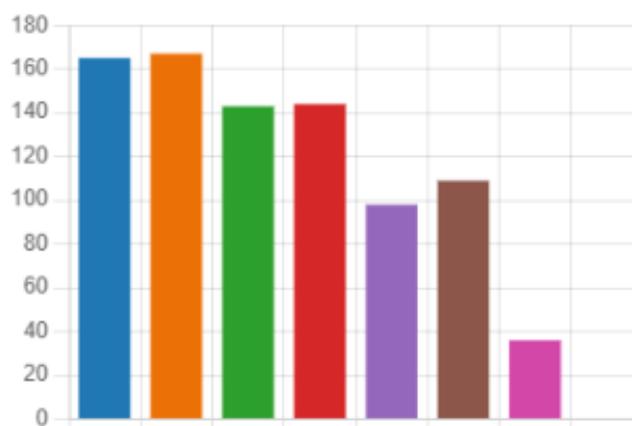
● Very quickly	95
● Somewhat quickly	55
● Not quickly enough	9
● Unsure	23



6. Which of the following forms of school communication are you aware of?

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● Group call	165
● Email	167
● Letters home via child	143
● Child's progress/tracking reports	144
● Parent update from the head te...	98
● School app	109
● Twitter	36
● None of the above	0



10. Which of the following items would you like to be included as part of the school uniform from August?

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● Plain black leggings	101
● Black jeans	128
● Plain black hoodie	122
● Black hoodie with the school logo	81
● Mostly black shoes (rather than ...	155



Parent Ethos Survey (264 Responses)	School Positive Response %
Does the school ensure that your child(ren) is treated fairly at school?	90.15%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring that your child(ren)'s learning is progressing well	71.21%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring that staff know your child(ren) as an individual and support them well	71.97%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring you are kept well informed about the progress of your child(ren) e.g. formal reports/informal	65.15%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring the information you receive about how your child(ren) is doing reaches you at the right time	66.67%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring staff are approachable and welcoming when you have a question/suggestion and/or a problem	80.30%
Please respond to how well the school is ensuring you are kept informed about the work of the school and school events	76.52%
Please respond to how well the school is helping to reduce day to day school costs	53.41%
Please rate your overall satisfaction with the school	74.24%

