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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Feedback on the Pupil and Parent Surveys Spring term 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who completed the parent survey online and all our KS1 children who completed the pupil survey in school

We welcome all your views and opinions and take on board all the comments made. This information gives us a greater understanding of our school, from all viewpoints.

At Shepherdswell Academy we believe that all stakeholders are equally important, and we strive to sustain positive relationships with all our families and the wider community.

### Parent Survey

First, we would like to share some positives with you:

- 97% said your child is safe and enjoys coming to school
- 96% said all children are treated equally regardless of background
- 94% felt the school is welcoming to the community
- 94% felt that the children are encouraged to work hard and do their best
- 98% felt staff were approachable
- 98% felt the school communicates effectively with you about school events and activities
- 92% would recommend our school to another family

### Your comments included:

*"My son really loves attending school and feels great while there. I as a parent could not have chosen a better school for my child. Thank you all so much for your hard work and efforts."*

*"All 3 of my children have gone to Shepherdswell and have left extremely happy, well taught and ready for their next steps. My son is thoroughly enjoying his time at school and looks forward to it. Thank you all for your hard work."*

*"I feel that my child is flourishing at Shepherdswell, and the school is a testament to this. My daughter happily comes home knowledgeable, well fed, curious and eager to return. Thank you to everyone at Shepherdswell."*

### What you think we could do better:

You said:

- Provide more communication about your child's progress, including how to support your child's learning

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- Provide more opportunities for your views to be sought
- Provide more advance notice regarding events and activities than are happening
- Provide more information about the role of the local advisory board (governors)

#### From the Summer term we will:

- Continue to have an open-door policy at all times, if you wish to find out how your child is progressing at a different point in the year to parents' meetings and reports, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will arrange a time to speak to you.
- Arrange coffee mornings for you as parents to meet the senior leadership team and governors each term and have an opportunity to communicate your views in an informal way.
- Continue to add all events for the coming term on the last newsletter of the term, and we will keep this on each weekly newsletter, highlighting the ones for the next week.
- Display events, curriculum overviews and homework for each year group in the noticeboards in the playground.
- Be holding more parent workshops and events (now we are able) and work with you as parents on how you can support your child's learning, so you get an insight into what your child is learning at school

#### Pupil Survey

Most of the children surveyed said they enjoyed school, felt safe and thought they behaved well themselves and knew that they could talk to an adult if they were worried. They also thought they worked hard in lessons, learnt new things and said that the adults showed them how to make their work better.

#### Their comments included:

*'I love school.'*

*'I enjoy Maths, PE and Music and I enjoy playing with my friends,'*

*'In Science we do experiments to help us to be scientists.'*

*'I like assemblies because if you are work or star or reader of the week, I am really proud of them'*

*I like going to phonics because I love learning new sounds.'*

*'I like the teachers because they help me.'*

#### What they think we could do better:

They said:

- Although they behaved well, sometimes other children did not
- That they would sometimes like more help with their learning
- That they would like more activities and equipment outside at break and lunchtimes.

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**We will:**

- Be asking the school council to find out from the children what they think we need to do to support all children to behave well in school.
- Remind all children of the behaviour expectations in and out of the classroom and what they need to do if they see someone not following those expectations.
- Remind the children of what they can do if they need support with their learning and who is there to help them.
- Be setting up the learning zone outside, including reading, drawing, Maths, games and small world play areas in the summer term.
- We are currently contacting companies to develop an outdoor gym equipment area, on the field by the tyres, which we are hoping will be completed during the summer term.
- Be continuing with active play and introducing sensory circuits.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and working in partnership with us. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and supporting us to develop and grow the school, to make sure that your children get the best start to their learning journey.

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**Mrs Ryan, Headteacher**  
**And on behalf of the Local Advisory Board**

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