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Dear Parents & Carers,

Monday 31st January

Re Parental Questionnaire Responses

I would like to thank you hugely for the time and thought which has gone in to the responses to our parental questionnaire.

First, thank you for the generous comments about the school's many strengths. At times of challenge, your kind comments are a real motivator to staff and it is one of the many pleasures of my job to share these positive comments with staff. A summatory results table, which collates the 29 responses received by last Friday, is on the 'Partnership with Parents' page of the school website. Please look on the 'Curriculum' page for detailed information about what your child will learn over the year.

Whilst we are pleased and proud of the results, we acknowledge and appreciate the constructive comments we have received. No school is perfect and we are determined to make Mugginton the best possible place for the children in our care. With this in mind, I would like to share with you some of the feedback and our response/actions on the back of this letter. In good old education parlance, we call this 'You Said / We Did'.

If you would still like to submit your questionnaire this week, please do so – we would like as many responses as possible.

Thank you very much

Joseph Green

You Said / We Did – January 2022

Parental Feedback	Our Response/Actions
Homework – ‘there is too much’; ‘there is too little’; ‘it is too hard’, ‘it is not challenging enough’.	Homework is often contentious. Thank you for the positive feedback about the use of subject-specific vocabulary to the side of the homework sheet. We will continue to separate homework in to Years 1/2 and then Years 3/4 & Years 5/6 although this may take the form of ‘Challenges’. A ‘challenge’ task for the more confident will be added to junior homework and the infants will have at least one creative homework task per term. In the juniors, if homework is not completed by Friday, there will be a loss of a playtime to complete the work.
Difficulties of October/November Parents’ Evening due to Covid disruption	We will work hard to ensure that the first parents evening of 2022 will be able to run in a more traditional manner. We will offer virtual and face-to-face appointments in school and share your children’s progress with you via the Parents Evening Information sheet. Parents Evening Appointments will be held on Tues 8th, Weds 9th and Thurs 10th of March.
To further promote a love of reading, re-introduce the 4 Reading Lists	Thank you for this feedback – the lists will go out this week!
The Mugginton Mile does not include all children who would like to go every session	Very fair and useful feedback. Tuesdays are a challenge because there must be a Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mr Green or Mrs Wallen) on site with the children. From tomorrow, all children will take part in an active 20 minutes as part of the Mugginton Mile. The more-confident runners will continue to run with Mrs Wallen, Mr Beresford and Mr Wraith; the remainder of the school will join Mrs Sweeney and myself to run laps on the playground or up and down Tag Hole lane with the target of running non-stop for a period of 5 minutes or longer.
Communication re key events, particularly sporting fixtures could be clearer and come out earlier	Wherever possible, we will try to give a week’s notice for sporting events. Please understand that some events are scheduled and re-scheduled at short notice and it is our belief that it is better to participate at short notice than to miss the competition.
The playground is in need of refurbishment	Very very fair! We have had planning permission for the refurbishment since early 2021 and have had great trouble securing quotations for the work. Most recently, we were quoted £141,000 which is significantly more than expected. We have another 3 companies booked to quote before the end of February 2022. The playground is our immediate priority.
Some parents would like additional updates about their children’s academic progress	Academic feedback will be shared at the following points of the year across year groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In October Parents Evening and the Parents Information Sheet 2) In December via December Progress Update Form 3) In March Parents Evening and the Parents Information Sheet 4) In June/July, certain year groups (Years 1, 2 & 6) receive results of national tests such as SATs and the Phonics Screening Check. 5) Final outcomes will be shared in the July Annual Report
The school has too many pupils on roll	There are currently 57 children on roll, 14 of whom are in Year 6. Therefore, a slight drop in pupil-number is inevitable.