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Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Spring Term Parental Questionnaire. 94 questionnaires, representing 120 children were completed and returned. Your opinions are valuable as we continue to develop our school in order to provide the very best education for every child.

Orchard is a very special place and, once again, we are pleased and proud to learn that 98%, of those parents who responded, would recommend our school to other parents. It is evident that you value the happy safe environment we offer and the care and passion we put into looking after the children in our care.

It is also evident that you recognise and value the high standards of teaching in the school and the ways in which we strive to offer a stimulating learning environment packed with exciting activities as well as opportunities for children to develop a wide range of skills and talents.

I invited all parents to add comments on the reverse of the questionnaire and was really pleased with the many positive comments as well as suggestions for future developments.

One parent wrote: *The sense of community at Orchard is second to none and coupled with a solid grounding academically, Orchard children are given every opportunity to become good citizens in our wider society.*

Another added: *Orchard is the most welcoming, supportive and family orientated school we have ever had the privilege to be part of. It is clear that development of the whole child is at the centre of all you do.*

Whilst feeling a sense of pride in reading such comments, I will be using some of your suggestion to create development objectives on our school development plan for 2019-2020. These will focus on the following areas:

- Further developing strategies to support children in developing positive friendships, deal with arguments and misunderstandings and develop respect for all people so that bullying and racism are dealt with appropriately and remain infrequent.
- Ensuring that our door remains always open and that we continue to find ways to involve every parent in their child's education by ensuring that you are kept fully informed about your child's progress and how you can help at home.
- Revising our homework strategy so that it consolidates basic skills whilst providing a range of exciting activities to do at home.

Your feedback is valuable to us. As a result of questionnaires about our Residential Camps, we are making changes to the visits offered in Year 5 and 6. In future, we will be offering these camps in the Summer Term and widening the range of experiences, maybe a stay at the coast. We want Year 6, in particular, to enjoy their final residential together as a celebration of their time at Orchard as they move on to secondary school.

In much the same way, we will look to taking your new suggestions on

board.

Thank you for your continuing support





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