

Elmhurst School

Making a Positive Difference to the Quality of Learning
Headteacher ♦ Mrs Rachel Lee



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Feedback from the March 2017 parental questionnaire shows another very high rate of positive responses from parents, with 99% of parents saying they are happy with their child's experiences at Elmhurst and that they would recommend Elmhurst School to another parent. Over 99% of parents said their child was taught well at Elmhurst School.

We thank those parents who found time to respond to the parental questionnaire, which we asked you to complete recently. Responses were received from the highest ever number of parents, representing six out of every ten children at the school. We value greatly the feedback we receive from parents and use this to tackle any areas of concern which you may raise, as well as to build on those areas of school life that you tell us are strong. A number of parents also made additional written comments about the work of the school, with the great majority of these praising the commitment of school staff and saying how much their children enjoy coming to school. Governors have looked very carefully at these comments and shared them with school staff.

The responses to all of the questions were very positive.

At least 97% of parents were in strong agreement or agreement with **all of the statements shown below:**

- My child feels safe at this school (over 99%).
- My child is making enough progress at this school.
- The school meets my child's particular needs.
- The school ensures my child is well looked after (over 99%).
- My child is well taught at this school (over 99%).
- The school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics (over 99%).
- There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.
- The school helps me to support my child's learning.
- The school responds well to my concerns (99%).
- The school keeps me well informed.
- The school provides a good range of opportunities for parents to learn about what my child is doing at this school.
- The school communicates effectively with parents.

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In addition, 99% of parents said that overall they were happy with their child's experiences at Elmhurst and over 99% of parents who responded said that they would recommend Elmhurst School to another parent. This is very reassuring feedback and strongly endorses what the school is doing to care for, support, nurture and teach your children.

These responses also show that parental satisfaction with Elmhurst School remains at a very high level.

As governors we also compared the responses from parents to this recent questionnaire to the responses to identical questions sent out to you in March 2015 and in March 2016. This allows us to look at whether parents' views about the school are changing over time.

I am pleased to report that the analysis shows that your responses to this most recent questionnaire (March 2017) were similar to the very positive responses from the March 2016 questionnaire.

This continuing high confidence and strong satisfaction with the work of the school are due to a number of reasons, but most important are the leadership shown by Mrs Lee and her senior team, as well as the commitment of all teachers and support staff.

During this school year Miss Marshall and Mrs Thomas took on interim headteacher roles during Mrs Lee's maternity leave and phased return to work and maintained the high standards of leadership at the school set by Mrs Lee. Governors are also aware of the very strong team spirit at the school and how all members of staff work hard to ensure that all children have enjoyable and productive experiences at the school and get clear feedback on their progress. This allows the children to learn well and make good educational progress. We also value the support which parents give to their children, particularly with reading, as this helps them make even more progress. Please be assured that we will not become complacent as we continue our drive to become an outstanding school.

Finally, thank you again for the high return rate to the recent questionnaire. Your feedback is crucial in informing what we do as a school.

The full analysis of the recent questionnaire can be found on the school website at www.elmhurst.bucks.sch.uk

The next Parents' Forum will take place on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at 8.50 am. I hope you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,



Dr David Gamble
Chair of Governors