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Re: Parent Survey Results 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of all the governors, thank you to everyone who completed the Local Governing Board's survey in July. Sixty-three responses were received, enabling the governing board to gain a better understanding of how you feel the school is performing, what it does well and how it can continue to improve.

It was a challenging year to be a teacher, pupil, parent or carer, adapting to home-learning and attending school when that was possible. The staff at Waterside had to consider the educational and emotional needs of all pupils, providing support and resources to ensure safety and uninterrupted learning. The survey reflected this and the responses you gave confirm that the school has good leadership, and the children are happy, well taught and cared for.

The percentage of responses that agreed or strongly agreed with the statements in the survey are detailed below:

Statement	% who agreed
My child enjoys coming to Waterside	93.6%
The school is well led and managed	100%
The school responds well to any concerns I have raised	100%
The school supported my child well academically during lockdown	98.4%
The school supports my child's learning needs well	95.2%
The school communicates well with parents	96.8%
The school supported my child well emotionally and pastorally during lockdown	95.2%
My child feels safe at school	96.8%

The survey also invited explanations, comments and suggestions to support the responses you gave. This information is extremely useful and will be used to shape the school over the coming year. Here is a small selection of the things you said:

"You have made the children highly engaged and allowed them to flourish in every aspect of their school life. I'm proud to call myself a parent and part of team waterside and your ability and your team's ability to adapt to the ever changing landscape has been fantastic. In all my years I've never seen such spirit and determination from all to achieve the best outcomes for our children."

"My daughter is so happy at Waterside and looks forward to going to school.... She has had many opportunities at Waterside she wouldn't have experienced at other local Primary Schools ... and these have



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all helped increase her confidence in her own abilities and self-worth. And the strong behaviour code has ensured a safe environment for all children. In short, please continue doing what you're doing - it's fab!"

"The school has a fantastic team making sure the children are happy and learning, my son has some delays in his learning level, his Teachers & TA's have been working with him & he has come on in leaps & bounds.."

"We have really appreciated all the hard work that staff have put into this school during a tough year. Waterside PA now stands out within the local community as an outstanding school that works hard to provide for its students."

"The teachers and support staff are extremely committed and dedicated to the needs of the pupils. The school promotes a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for the children."

"Amazing school, excellent job throughout the pandemic, great leadership, always puts the kids needs first. Best the schools ever been!"

"The way the school has provisioned affordable after school activities has promoted deeper friendships within the school community. This has supported the children, where in normal times other friendships and relationships would have been made in other clubs or extra curricular activities or with children in the neighbourhood."

"Number one school around. Best school for my son with additional needs."

"Amazing school. Inclusive friendly and communicative. Very much feels like a big family"

"It is an amazing school Mr Atherton has completely turned it around!"

"Just let them do what they keep doing. The whole school team are gold"

Your feedback is always welcome, both positive and suggestions for improvement, and you can contact the school at any time using the usual channel via the school office. If you have concerns about your child's learning needs then you should contact the office to arrange a meeting with their class teacher. Should this refer to special educational needs, you should contact Miss Duggan who is our special educational needs coordinator.

If you have concerns about the welfare of your child or another child at school then you should speak directly to our designated safeguarding leaders (DSLs), Mr Atherton and Ms Essex. This should be done by emailing familysupport@watersideprimaryacademy.org or phoning the office and asking to speak to a DSL if the matter is urgent.



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The school website provides detailed information about numerous policies and procedures including Special Educational Needs and Disability, Child Protection and Safeguarding. There are also copies of these available upon request from the school office.

We thank you all for your overwhelming support for our school and look forward to another successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Pearce

Chair of Governors



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