

Waterside Primary Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Annual Parent & Carer Survey Summary

On behalf of all the governors, thank you to everyone who completed the Local Advisory Committee's survey last July. Eighty-one responses were received, enabling the LAC to gain a better understanding of how you feel the school is performing, what it does well and how it can continue to improve.

The staff at Waterside are responsible for the educational and emotional needs of all pupils, providing support and resources to ensure safety and high-quality teaching. 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 average score out of ten for the statements in the survey are detailed below:

Statement	Score (out of 10)
My child enjoys coming to Waterside	9.74
The school is well led and managed	9.93
The staff are approachable and the school responds well to any concerns I have raised	9.80
The school supports my child well academically	9.84
The school supports my child pastorally	9.63
The school supports my child's learning needs well	9.77
The school communicates well with parents	9.58
My child feels safe at school	9.94

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:

"There is an obvious and positive energy at Waterside, and there are inspirational and dedicated teachers."

"My children are very happy in this school. They feel safe and they feel encouraged to learn. Thank you to all the teachers and all the staff for your amazing work."

"The success of this school has been purely down to the passion, energy and enthusiasm of its amazing staff. Our children feel loved, nurtured and encouraged to be the best version of themselves. Mr Atherton's



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ethos of "happy children learn" is echoed throughout everyday school life and has been vital to the turnaround of this school and the local community it serves. As teachers ourselves, the staff continue to go above and beyond our expectations. When almost all other schools said "no" to any events during covid, the staff here fought to pursue delivering events in creative and alternative ways. There have been so many memories made for Waterside families in this last year and we hope that the positive feedback continues to fuel the incredible staff. Well done everyone. Take a bow!"

"Wonderful extra-curricular activities and events, inspiring lessons with inventive teaching methods and a team of passionate caring teachers and staff."

"Fantastic leadership, a fun learning environment that my children are happy to be in."

"My child has had many changes and challenges to deal with in the last year and in turn has been a challenge for his teachers at times. I commend the way these issues have been dealt with and have felt involved and included when any decisions have been made by the school. I have felt supported and I know my son has too."

"Every day my children are excited to go to school. The teachers are always so pleased to see the children, I feel they really understand my children and the way they learn."

"The school focuses on giving equal opportunities to all pupils and ensures that they are happy children who keep learning and growing."

"Waterside is a wonderful school lead by a fantastic team. The staff are all so friendly, welcoming and just lovely. There are always fun activities going on at school and always opportunities for kids to try new things. My children always feel safe and happy at school. I also feel teachers go above and beyond in helping the kids reach their targets".

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.



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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.

Finally, I would like to thank you all personally for your continued support of the school. It is wonderful to read the supportive comments you have made in the survey and also throughout the school year to the teachers, on feedback forms and also on social media channels. As Governors, we take great pride and satisfaction in seeing the ongoing development of Waterside Primary Academy and celebrating its successes.

The school's motto of 'Happy Children Learn' is evident at the school through your survey responses. It was also clearly evident in the end of year school show at the Elgiva – I was filled with joy seeing the children perform together as one, united team. There is clearly a strong sense of pride and community at Waterside which is unique and special, and something that I am proud to be part of in my role as a governor.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey and THANK YOU for everything you do for your child and for Waterside Primary Academy.

Kind regards,

Jo Pearce

Chair of Local Advisory Committee

