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We were delighted by the positive feedback from this term's parents evening, we are so proud of how our wonderful school is moving forward and are pleased that parents and carers have noticed the steps we have taken to do so. Please read below a selection of the comments made and a few answers to the questions raised. Other questions will be addressed in the New Year.

As always, we value your contribution and support for our school and you can contact us at any time.

### How would you like to see the school move forward in the next 3 years?

- Some great new leadership in the form of Mrs Acres would benefit the school massively, her ability to manage an establishment is excellent. Just her presence in the school grounds everyday has made an impact.
- Continue as you are with strong, positive leadership.
- To work on the good foundation it has already built.
- Carry on as you are - we are very happy with everything! Stay the same!
- Keep Mrs Acres as Head teacher as I feel she really understands the way school should be run.
- Just carry on. You are doing a perfect job. Can't think of anything you aren't already doing.
- To continue in the same way. It is a lovely school and I think the children are taught at the right individual pace.
- To keep the current head teacher and continue the fantastic support she provides my son.
- If Mrs Acres continues to make improvements she has been making then this could be an outstanding school in the next 3 years.

### **Our comments:**

- Opportunities for parents to come in and do activities with their children. – [We always welcome parents to come in and work within our classes, if you can spare any time to help with readers, craft, cooking or any other special skill please do let us know. We will be looking at holding some more whole family events in the New Year.](#)
- More tech to help the children. Meetings for parents on the new style maths and phonics.- [We are very excited about our new suite of computers which will be ready to use after Christmas, teachers have also received training on Purple Mash which is a new computing curriculum and we will be involving you in this after the Christmas break.](#)
- I'd like there to be some homework set for at least Year 5 and 6 to prepare them for Secondary, even if it a piece that they could do over a week maybe 2-3 hours- [We had a homework consultation and it was voted that children would do reading, times tables and spellings as their homework each week. We always value additional work that children choose to do at home linked to their school work and will always find time to share this with classes.](#)
- School more modernised and more sport. – [Staff have been busy painting and doing up the school in their own time, we would appreciate any support you may be able to offer us with this, we will be sending out a letter with an update of dates after Christmas.](#)
- It would be good to see smaller class sizes where there are mixed classes. I believe the mixed year 1/ 2 class is over the recommended size this year.- [All of our classes in Key Stage 1 are within the 30 children limit, due to being a 1.5 form entry school, mixed classes are unavoidable, however, we make sure that we consider carefully when mixing classes.](#)



### What do you think are the biggest strengths of our school?

- Relationship between staff and pupils
- The school has good leadership. All staff are very approachable
- Huge improvement in general, communication, ensuring the teachers understand each child individually
- I feel that Mrs Acres is very understanding and it's great to finally have a head teacher that listens to both the children and parents.
- I like the openness at school and I have the confidence to know I can bring up any issues my child has. School accommodate her needs in any way they can.
- I love this school. It's friendly, inclusive promotes great behaviour. Celebration assemblies are a brilliant idea. Teaching respect and kindness.
- The feeling of being welcome. The fact teachers are visible to parents at the beginning and end of the day.
- Good before and after school club, I'd be lost without it.
- Support we have received for our daughters. Flexibility of staff and willingness to try new things to help. Caring and nurturing nature/great pastoral i.e Den.
- Teachers and the management team are always available to talk and this is a big strength as you can discuss any issues immediately.
- Great teachers who actually care. All pupils feel valued and have sense of achievement. The teachers seem pro-active and keen to go above and beyond.
- Location, outdoor space, well-resourced and feel secure. Creative lessons and keeping the children engaged. Teachers support and encouraged children to do their best. Teachers are brilliant.
- Very friendly atmosphere, strong relationship between pupils and teachers. You see each child as an individual.

### How effective is the communication from the school and how can we improve?

- Huge improvement since Mrs Acres and Mrs Hopwood have led the school. Communication has been a lot better, informative and availability during the mornings to approach senior staff to discuss any issues/ recommendations.
- Very effective with new head continue with this would be great
- This has improved greatly this year! Always appreciate more notice of activities.
- The text messages and emails help us parents be aware of what is going on. The school website is helpful as well.

### **Our Comments:**

- Much better although maybe fewer text messages per day. Maybe one a day but longer. - [In a text we are limited to the amount we can write which is why occasionally we will need to send more than one message, we are mindful of not sending too many messages per day](#)
- Sometimes more notice on some of the text messages. - [We always endeavour to give plenty of notice for parents. We notify parents and carers as soon as we are aware of a cancellation of a club etc. and will always look after your child until you are able to get here.](#)
- Communication is good on the whole. It could be improved with families that are split up (have two houses). There only seems to be resources for one parent to have information/ give information- school payments system, for example. - [If you do live in more than one household any parent/ carer wishing to be added to our communication system just needs to see the office staff.](#)



### Is there anything that you wish to comment on?

- Really pleased with the care and teaching our children are receiving. Thank you!
- Really impressed with how Mrs Acres is running the school, teachers in the playground in mornings etc. is a great touch and great to see them greeting children on start of day.
- The school is much improved and has a lovely welcoming atmosphere now.
- If it wasn't for the support and understanding of Mrs Acres. My son would not be progressing so well at Westrop.
- Would love to see Mrs Acres made the head teacher full time, the improvements since her talking over is very visible throughout.
- My son moved to this school recently and is like a different child. He's so happy and so much more stimulated academically. Thank you so much!
- Just that since the change in headship, there is a noticeable change in general positively, right down to the tone in newsletters. Also my child never once not wanted to come to school, which means it's a fantastic environment.
- The atmosphere in the school is remarkably better in recent months.
- Very happy with how the school is since the change of headteacher. Much nicer and I like seeing the teachers greeting children in the morning.
- You are Brilliant! We are very pleased with our choice of school.
- My child is very happy and I know she is receiving a high quality all-encompassing education.
- Overall really pleased with the education they are getting, the progress they make and the opportunities they are provided with. They are really happy here.
- I wish she could stay here till Year 11!
- Thank you for your continued effort to give our children the best possible start they can get.

### **Our Comments**

- Extra clubs like dance club or gymnastics. Opportunity to play an instrument/ music lessons.- [We try to provide a range of extra curricular clubs to all of the children, we will be looking again at what we are able to offer after Christmas. We provide opportunities for the children to play instruments both in school and as extra lessons please see the office for further details.](#)





