

SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Parent Survey 2019 Feedback

Thank you for your responses to the survey sent to you by the governing body of the school. We were pleased to receive 70 responses to this. We have spent time analysing your feedback and discussing your comments and would like to take this opportunity to share with you our findings and subsequent plans for action.

Below is a table of analysis, which compares your responses from this survey with the last survey we sent you in 2017.

It was interesting and heartening to see that, in most areas, the percentage of you agreeing or strongly agreeing with the statements had improved since our last survey in 2017 (highlighted in **green**). While a positive percentage score of 80% or over typically indicates "outstanding standards ...with very strong parental engagement", any questions where 10% or more of you disagreed with the statement have been highlighted in **red** for investigation.

Parent Survey 2019 (comparison with outcomes 2017)	Strongly Agree/agree 2017	Strongly Agree/agree 2019
My child is happy at this school.	92 %	99 %
My child feels safe at this school.	98 %	99 %
My child is confident to talk to trusted adults in school if they have worries or concerns.	87 %	90 %
My child is well looked after at this school	98 %	97 %
My child is taught well at this school	78 %	93 %
My child makes good progress at this school	N/A	89 %
My child is expected to work hard and do his/her best	97 %	93 %
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	88 %	84 %
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85 %	94 %
The school deals effectively with bullying	67% (27% don't know)	63% (29% don't know)
The school is well led and managed	78%	89%
I understand the role and responsibilities of the School Governors	90%	84%
I feel able to approach school staff if I have concerns about my child	N/A	100%
The school responds to any concerns I raise	82%	87%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress and next steps in learning.	77%	84%
The school provides me with helpful information about how to support my child regarding internet safety.	65% (22% don't know)	67% (21% don't know)
I always attend parents evening	N/A	93%
I would recommend the school to another parent.	80%	89%

There were 70 responses out of a possible 210 (approx.) if each parent had given a response for each child.

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So, the 'reds'!

'My child receives appropriate homework for their age.'

In our experience as governors, parents and teachers, homework is often a contentious issue. Is there too much or too little? Is it well balanced? Does it progress appropriately through the school? Is it consistent? Does it require a battle at home every week?

To address this issue we have asked staff to review the agreed homework policy and ensure that we are being consistent in its implementation.

'I understand the role and responsibilities of the School Governors.'

Information on the governing body can be found on the school website here. <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/governing-body.html>. In addition, we have published Governor information about roles on the school newsletter (December 2018) and we will continue to include information for parents/carers about the Governing body in forthcoming newsletters. The Governing body would welcome parents/carers making contact relating to any matters of school governance through direct contact or via the school.

'The school responds to any concerns I raise.'

Seven of you disagreed with this statement. This response raised many questions from us. Was there no response? Who isn't responding? Was it not a timely response? To best address this, we would like to understand your response better. We recognize that the survey was anonymous but would ask for further help on improving this. If you are one of the seven, please could you contact Jane O'Sullivan or Paul Manthorpe (Chair of Governors) to discuss your issue with us. We want this to change and need to understand more.

'I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress and next steps in learning.'

We have asked staff to review the ways in which we report to you across the year. This year changes to reporting have been made in response to the changing staff structure particularly affecting KS2. Staff will be reviewing the function of each Parents Evening, report cards, end of year reports in an effort to ensure you feel fully informed.

'The school provides me with helpful information about how to support my child regarding internet safety.'

Internet Safety is an integral part of Computing and PSHE lessons within school. When we take part in events such as Safer Internet Day, or run workshops or special assemblies in school focusing on aspects of internet safety, we typically share information regarding this with parents & carers via the weekly bulletin. Here, we may share links or direct you to the 'Useful links and Information' page on the school website for further advice. This page can be accessed via this link: <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/useful-links--information.html>

'I would recommend the school to another parent.'

We are hopeful that once the points above are reviewed and actioned that the percentage of positive responses to this final question will further increase.

Finally, for those of you who answered, 'don't know' to the question, *'The school deals effectively with bullying,'* we hope that this is because you don't have any experience of this, which is great, but also that you will be reassured that the school was awarded the Gold Award from the Anti-Bullying Alliance in recognition of the work done by staff and pupils to ensure the school is a happy place to be.

Ultimately, we all want our school to be the best it can be for our children. Please keep communicating with us so that, collaboratively, we can continue to drive improvement.

We are aware that this letter has focused on 'the reds' (which we think is necessary) but that's not to say that we haven't heard your very positive feedback contained in this survey both within the numbers and the individual comments section. With 100% of you feeling that you can approach staff with concerns and 99% agreeing that your children feel happy and safe at our school, we feel confident that we can continue to work together to improve and thank you for your support and feedback.

With kind regards,

The Governing Body