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From tiny acorns, great forests grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

2023 Parents Survey

On behalf of the wider Governing Body, I'd like to thank parents and carers for completing the 2023 Parent Survey. The survey is really useful for the Governing Body to help gather the views of parents and carers and help us to continue to improve and deliver the best outcomes for all pupils.

Whilst we would have preferred a larger number of responses, the feedback we received was very positive. A large majority of respondents stated that:

- their child feels safe
- the school promotes worthwhile attitudes and views
- the school deals with concerns promptly and effectively
- their child is happy at this school
- the school maintains good behaviour
- the school deals quickly and effectively with bullying
- their child does well at this school.

Additionally, a large majority of respondents with a Special Educational Needs child felt that the school gives their child the support they need to succeed.

One area raised by parents and carers was perceived lack of communication. I'd like to remind all parents and carers that each class has its own [dedicated webpage](#) which provides information including a welcome letter from teachers, termly curriculum plan, photos and the all important homework!

Mrs Bland

As you have hopefully read in the latest school newsletter, Mrs Bland has informed the Governing Body of her intention to take early retirement. This has been accepted and the Governors are now in the process of finding a suitable replacement.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bland for everything that she has achieved during her time here at Duke's. The past 5 years have certainly seen some challenges, but Mrs Bland has led the school with humility, commitment, dedication and heart – all of which have helped drive through the significant improvements made since her arrival in September 2018.

After 35 years in education, I am sure that Mrs Bland deserves a well earned rest and I'd like to wish her the very best in her retirement.

Christmas Greetings

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. Hopefully the children will be able to take some much needed rest, spend time with loved ones and look forward to what I am sure will be a successful 2024.

Best regards,

Tom Plant
Chair of Governors