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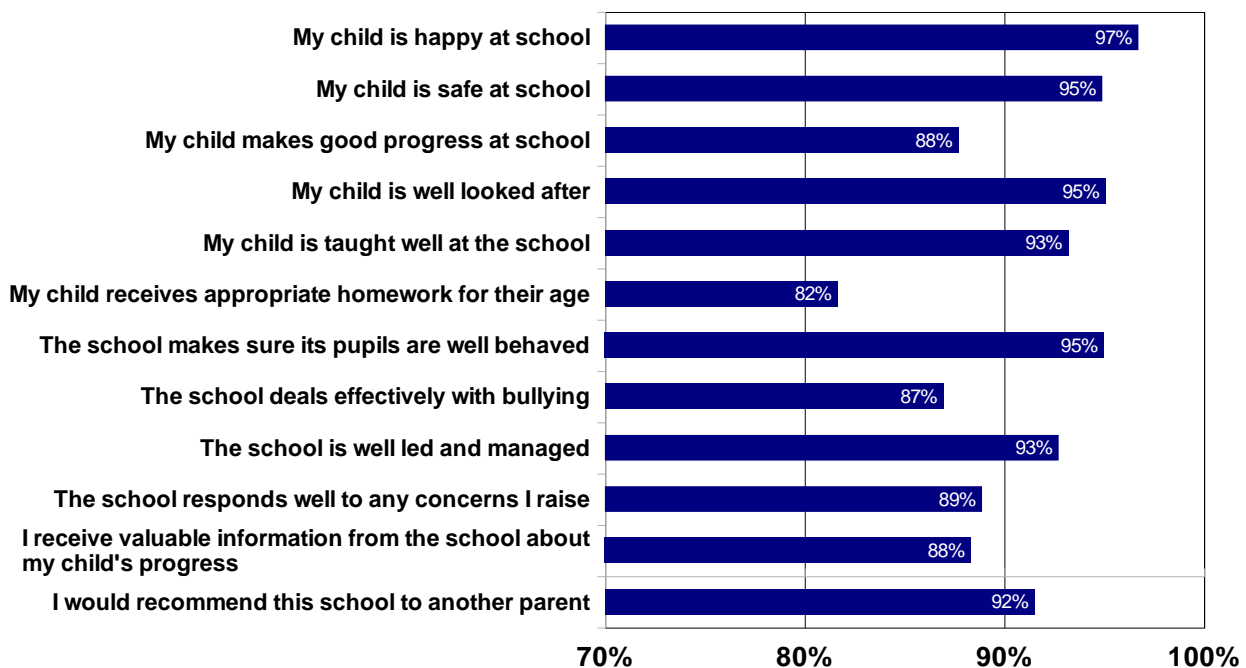
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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know the Governing Body conducted a survey of our parents and carers last term to ensure we understand your views on our school. The results have provided invaluable information as we consider ways in which we can continue to improve our school.

We received 61 individual responses and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond. The survey consisted of 12 statements about the school and you were asked to indicate whether you strongly agreed, agreed, disagreed or strongly disagreed with each statement. The chart below shows the number of parents and carers who either *agreed* or *strongly agreed* with a statement as a percentage of the total number expressing a view.



As you can see, the vast majority of parents and carers feel that their children are happy, well looked after, enjoy their learning and make good progress in a safe environment. Since the last questionnaire in 2018, we have seen an increase in parent satisfaction, particularly in the areas of setting appropriate homework, managing behaviour within the school and responding to any concerns that you raise. We had some really wonderful feedback about the school and our staff and it is very encouraging to know that we are getting so much right.

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Here are some of the comments we have received;

*'It's like a family. A safe place to grow and take risks with learning.'*

*'Good communication, approachable staff all in all it really is a great school'*

*'The children are always doing something fun relating to their topic and this keeps them engaged, they have the right balance between learning & fun. My child comes home happy and that for me is the most important thing'*

*'Reward system seems to work well and encourages children. Expectations for homework have been clearly set out. Sporting activities provided by Team Spirit at lunch time are great.'*

*'The staff are welcoming and friendly. They clearly care about the pupils and want them to do well and be happy'*

*'Feeling informed at all times, good communication, good leadership and committed teachers'*

*'When you visit the school you get the sense that children always know what they should be doing and have a strong sense of pride in their school'*

However, we know that there is always room for improvement and so we would like to respond to some of the main issues raised in the responses.

*The majority of comments referred to better or earlier communication with parents and use of Marvellous Me.*

As you are aware the school has already made changes this year in the way we communicate with parents via the school's website. A new website now gives parents easy access to weekly communication and all school letters as well as curriculum sections informing parents about learning in school. The majority of dates are sent home at the end of each half term ready for after each break. Marvellous Me is now mainly used by teachers to send home rewards and learning in class. We are continuing to improve and update our new website of the rest of this year, please keep visiting it!

*The outside environment is in need of improvement, make more use of your outside space*

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We are pleased that the PTA and the school have worked really hard to open up the space around our pond. We are looking forward to getting this ready for the children to enjoy in the summer. The PTA are also working hard to raise money to install climbing equipment for the playground in the summer.

### *Better transition for children coming from SIS*

We are working very closely this year with the infant school to ensure the children are well prepared for the start of Year 3, not just socially but academically as well. With this in mind, the teachers from Yr2 and Yr3 will be working together in the coming months to look at areas such as maths, reading and spelling. We are working hard to ensure a smooth transition with reading books, continuing a coloured/numbered system from Year 2 to 3 as well as introducing reading reflections in Year 2.

I'd like to conclude by thanking you all for your continued support and if you would like to contact me for any reason, my email address is [chair@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:chair@shirleyschools.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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