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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Pupil Survey - November 2017

The following is a summary of our findings from the pupil survey conducted in November 2017, which I hope you will find of interest.

A total of 100 Key Stage 2 pupils were surveyed. Children were asked to respond to questions relating to their learning, health-related habits, personal safety, welfare and local and global factors.

The following is a summary of pupils' responses followed by brief reference to the school's proposed response to the findings.

Survey findings:

The overwhelming majority (98%) of KS2 pupils say they feel happy and content every day or almost every day.

The majority (88%) take regular exercise daily and 12% take exercise most weeks
Only 58% of pupils claim to get 9 hours or more sleep on *every* school night (compared to 87% in a previous survey) however 27% claim to get 9 hours of sleep *most* nights, whilst 15% say they *never* get 9 hours sleep.

72% of pupils eat breakfast every day (compared to 86% in previous survey), however 23% say they have breakfast on most days, with older pupils being the more likely to skip breakfast.
96% of pupils clean their teeth twice a day (compared to 76% in previous survey) and the other 4% clean their teeth twice, on *most* days.

92% visit the dentist occasionally or every 6 months (compared to 85% previously) and others have their teeth checked, at least 'occasionally'.

100% of pupils regularly eat fruit and vegetables;

68% consider themselves to be very healthy and 32% consider themselves to be moderately healthy .

96% are happy with the way they look, all or most of the time;
28% hardly ever feel sad, anxious or angry, stressed or lonely; whereas 56% acknowledge these emotions and say they feel these things *sometimes*. 4% say they feel these things most days (the latter compares to 11% previously).

92% of pupils would ask a parent, carer, family friend or trusted adult in school if they needed advice; 8% would not want to talk to anyone.

64% of pupils do not look after someone who is ill or disabled at home and 36% say they help or sometimes help to look after someone who is unwell.

96% read often or sometimes in their spare time; 4% say they never choose to read.
Favourite spare time activities include: football, video games, reading, cricket, Lego, walking, skating, dancing, singing, playing an instrument, X box, climbing, clubs, colouring, trampolining, playing with siblings and spending time with pets.

100% of pupils say they enjoy their learning always or on most days and 96% think they are doing well or mostly doing well in school; 4% think not, or are not sure;

Children think the best things about St Mary's School are: the sport; the teachers; having the opportunity to have their say; break times and lunchtimes; computers and iPad; concerts and events; having pupils from different backgrounds and everyone being taught to understand about disabilities and learning difficulties. Less popular choices included homework!

24% of pupils said nothing ever stops them from their learning; others blamed their lack of concentration on other (disruptive) pupils, boring lessons and not always understanding what they have to do.

96% of pupils thought that what they are learning in school may be useful for the future, whilst 4% weren't sure whether or not they were learning any useful skills.

60% thought they could be anything they want to be when they are older and 40% thought they couldn't.

The majority of pupils do not think it is acceptable to have time off school any time they feel like it, other than for ill-health.

Most children walk to school or come by car and a small number come on a bicycle or use other means of transport.

88% of pupils spend at least an hour a day reading; 32% spend half an hour reading; 12% spend less than half an hour a day reading and 4% say they never read at all (ignoring the latter, reading habits have improved since the previous survey).

72% said they have never been bullied; 20% (previously 32%) said they have been bullied at some time in school and 8% did not respond. Explanations/reasons include being left out and other children running away from them at playtimes.

96% (previously 87%) said they take appropriate care when crossing the road; 4% didn't answer or said they could do better to keep themselves safe when crossing the road); the majority don't let anything distract them but a small number admit to being distracted by friends or technology.

100% (previously 90%) children wear a seat belt every time they are in the car and 76% (previously 67%) always wear a helmet when cycling. 12% usually wear a helmet, 8% (previously 19%) never wear a cycle helmet and 4% ride a bike.

88% of children say they live in homes that have a smoke alarm fitted; 12% don't know whether or not they have a smoke alarm and 68% (previously 52%) have discussed with parents how to get out of their home in the event of a fire.

88% of pupils use the internet at home. Of those that use the internet at home, only 4% say they have constant adult supervision whilst 38% say they are 'mostly supervised'. 58% claim not to have adult supervision. (The level of adult supervision is reduced from previous survey).

17% own a mobile phone; 83% do not have their own mobile phone (reduced from previous survey). The most popular online activities are games, looking for information, internet TV and Youtube. 75% of pupils use Facebook in Year 6 whilst it is much less common in younger year groups. Most children do not have their own account;

65% of pupils never worry when using internet. Of those that do worry, their main concerns include viruses, rude messages, strangers, accidentally giving away personal information, deleting something important and unwittingly causing additional expense to parents!

98% say school and parents teach them about safe internet use; 4% says no-one teaches them.

100% of pupils (previously 71%) think it's important to care about the planet. Reasons given include respecting what God created, not wanting to 'destroy our beautiful world', concern for endangered animals and 'the poles getting warmer, melting away and everyone drowning'!

64% of pupils worry about global warming and 27% do not worry about it. 9% either only occasionally worry or don't worry at all, believing it to be 'in hand'.

75% of pupils say their families always recycle everything; 25% say families sometimes recycle; (an overall increase on previous survey).

The majority of children would like there to be more for them to do in their local area and for the local park to be improved. Only 4% said they would like cleaner streets (compared to 33% in previous survey).

A small minority of pupils responded to the invitation to include additional comments. Replies included:

- too much homework
- don't like sitting next to girls
- don't like pasta, beans and bananas

SCHOOL ACTIONS:

In response to the survey, the school will address individual pupils (if known) or whole classes, with regards to their responses. Teachers will reinforce that:

- Facebook is for 13 year olds and older and is not appropriate for primary school children
- school has zero tolerance for bullying behaviours
- children should talk to parents about how to get out of the house in the event of a fire;
- children should take care when crossing the road, avoiding distraction and focusing on taking personal responsibility for their own safety
- there is no tolerance of disruptive behaviour that interrupts other pupils' learning
- children can talk to adults in school if they have worries or concerns
- all children should try to read daily
- all children should try to get sufficient sleep on school nights
- all children should try to eat breakfast
- all children should clean their teeth at least twice a day

Thank you in anticipation of your support in reinforcing the most important messages to help keep your children happy, safe and well-informed.

Thank you

Yours sincerely



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