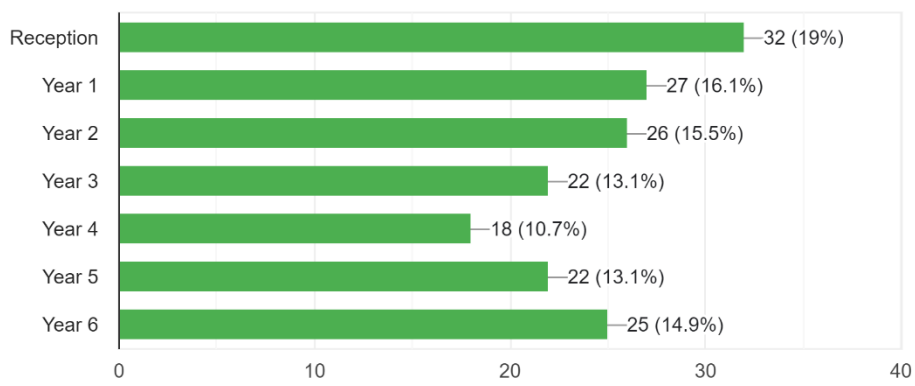


Caversham Primary School – Parent Survey – June 2023

We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback that we received from the Parent Survey. There were a large number of responses and we are grateful that so many parents took the time to share their thoughts. We have shared the findings with the Governing body, analysed the data and fed this into our school improvement planning cycle for the next academic year. Please see below for the results and some key actions that we have taken to address the common themes that came out of the survey. It is really useful for the school leadership team and governors to receive this feedback on the school. As ever, if you have any specific concerns relating to your child, please see the class teacher in the first instance.

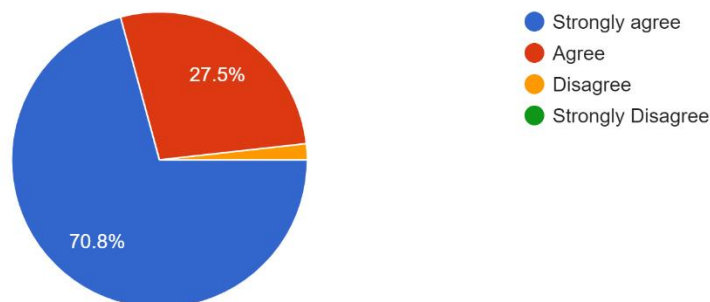
1. In which year is your child?

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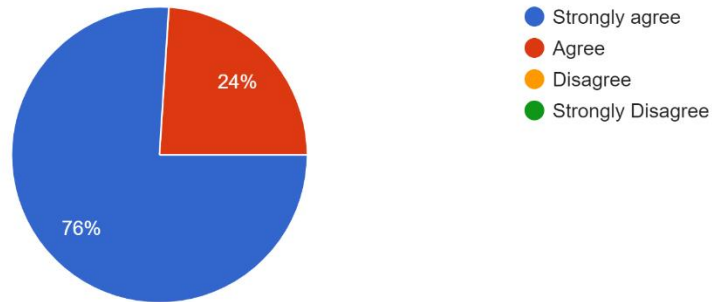
2. My child is happy at school

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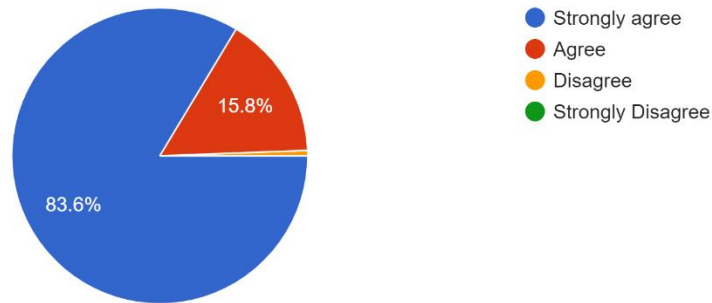
3. My child feels safe at school

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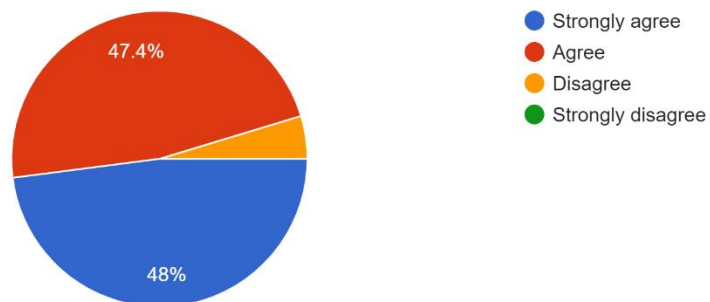
4. My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality

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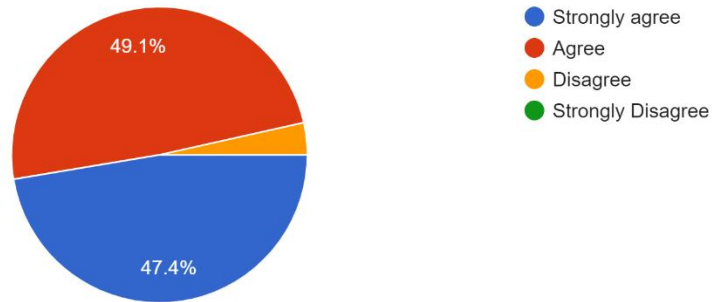
5. The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour

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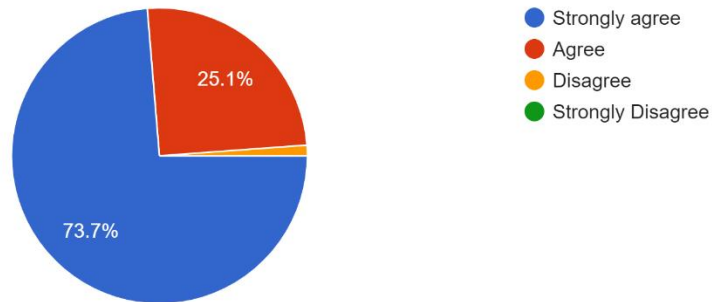
6. If it occurs, the school deals with bullying quickly and effectively

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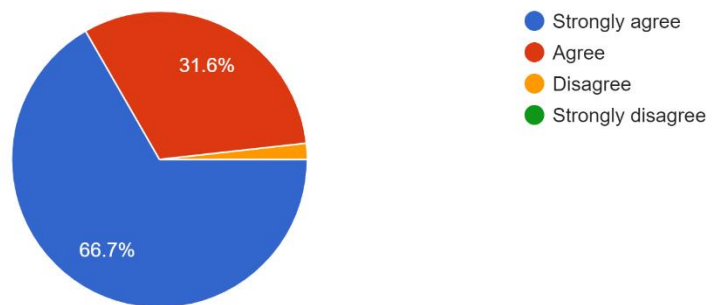
7. My child has a positive attitude to learning

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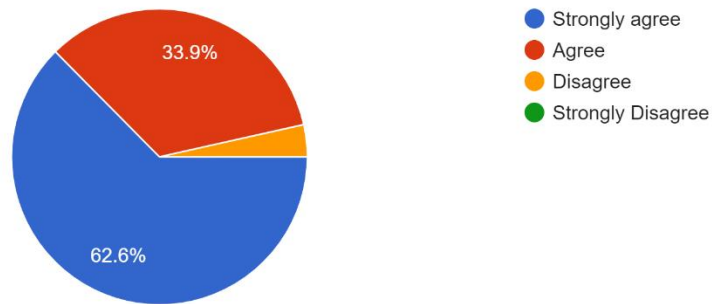
8. The school's ethos enables good learning and progress

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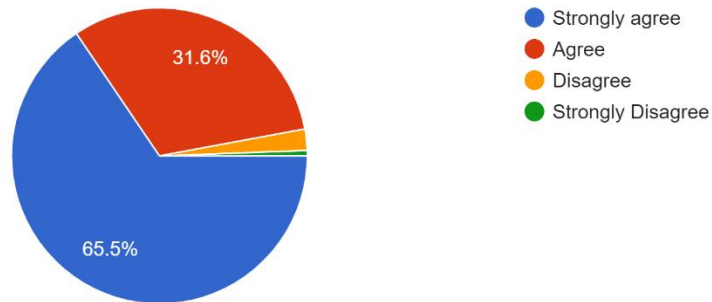
9. The school has a calm, orderly environment which helps my child to learn

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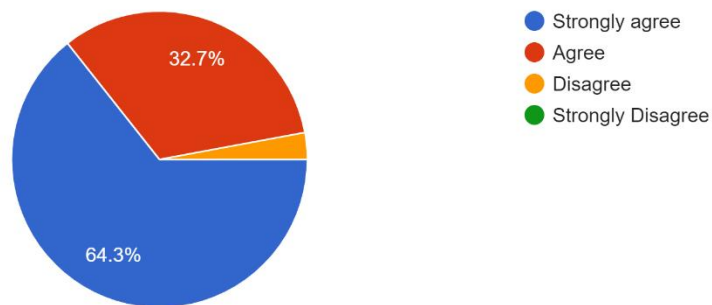
10. The school curriculum engages my child in learning

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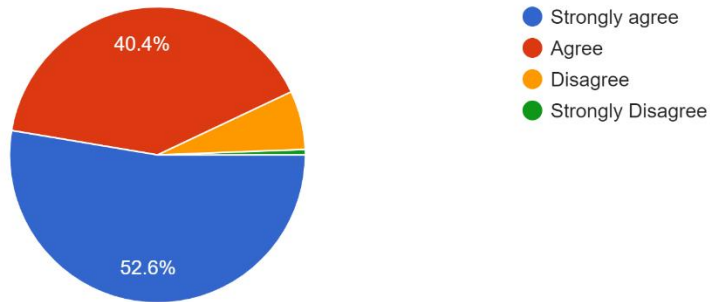
11. My child experiences a wide variety of learning opportunities

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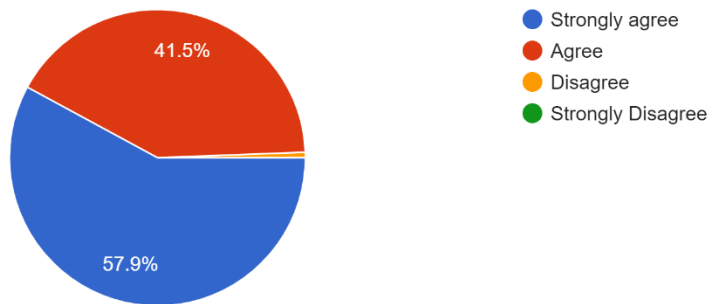
12. I know what my child is learning in school

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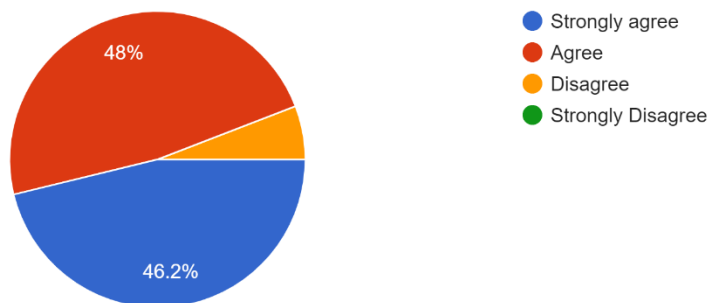
13. The school teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and how to keep physically and mentally healthy

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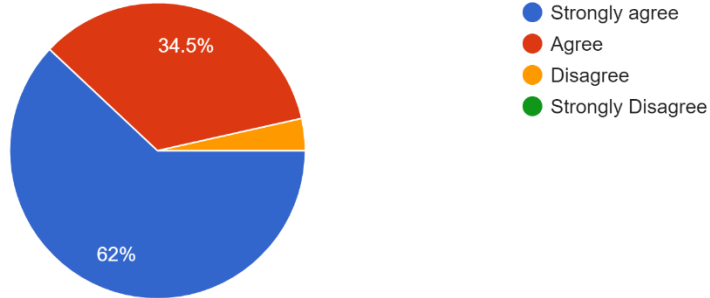
14. The school teaches my child how to recognise risks to their wellbeing – both online and offline

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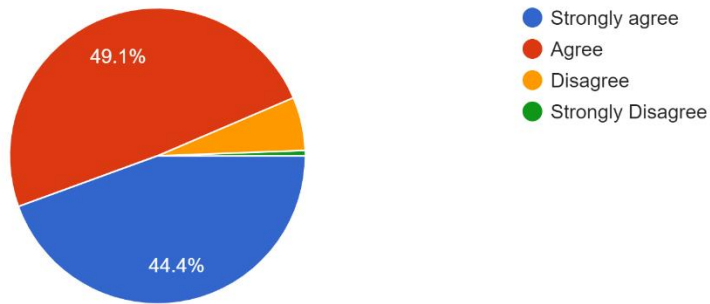
15. My child has at least one member of staff they would feel comfortable approaching if they felt unsafe or unhappy

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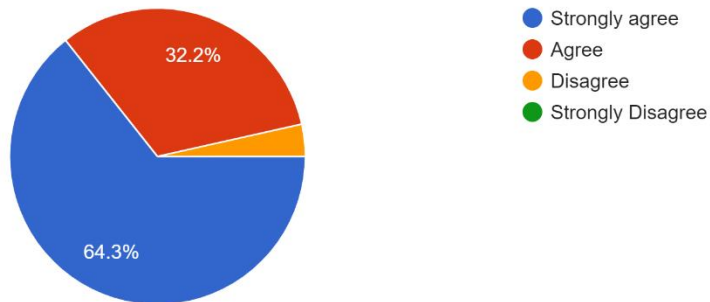
17. The school lets me know how my child is doing

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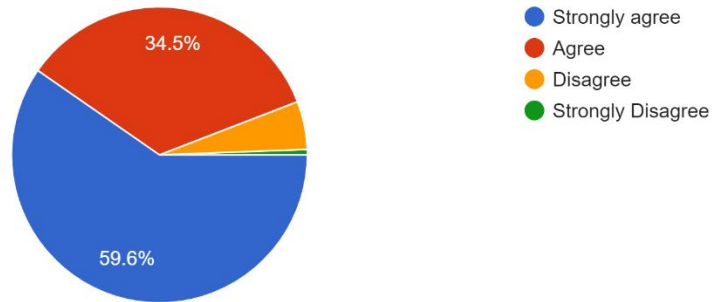


18. School leaders are approachable, listen and take account of my suggestions and concerns

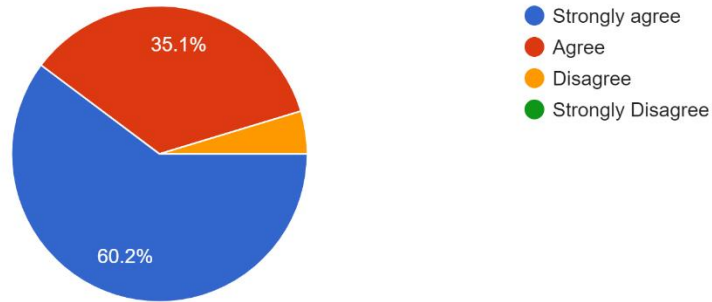
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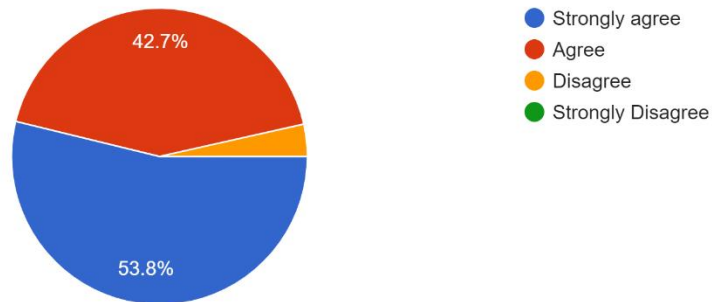
19. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with promptly and properly
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20. The school gives my child the support they need to succeed
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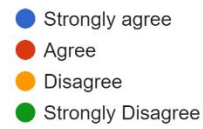
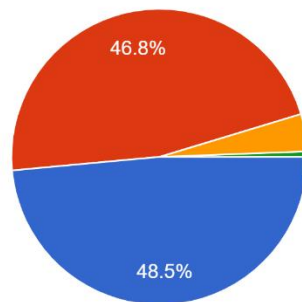


21. The school has a good understanding of my child's needs
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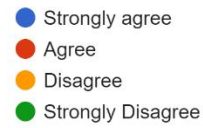
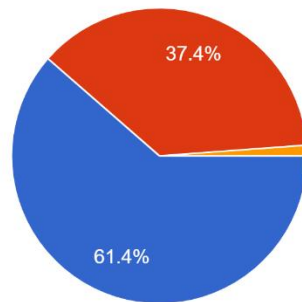
22. The school has high expectations for my child

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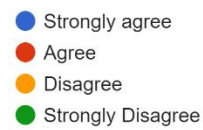
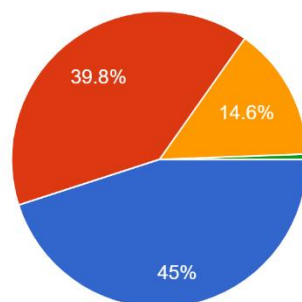
23. My child does well at this school

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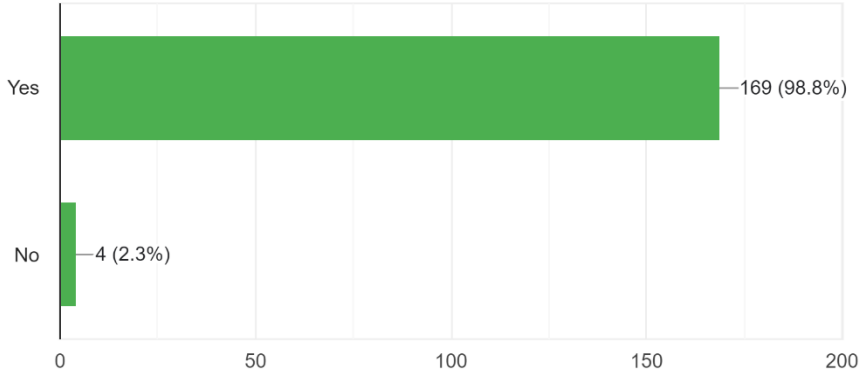
24. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

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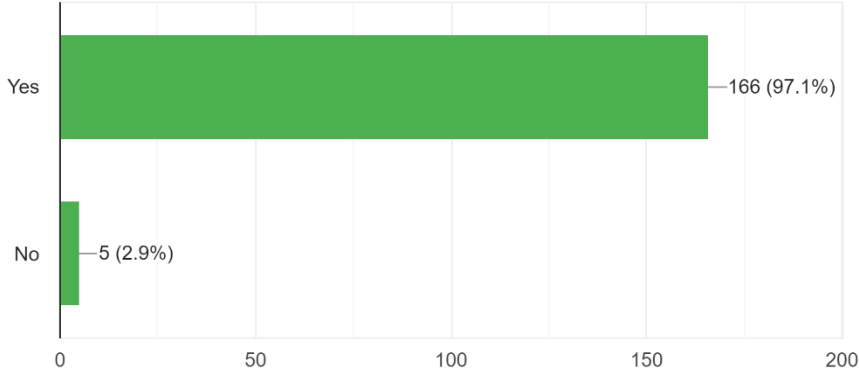
25. I am happy with my child's experience at Caversham Primary School

171 responses



26. I would recommend Caversham Primary to another parent

171 responses



Summary of common themes in response to 'Please tell us what you think is working well at school at the moment'

- School attendance and punctuality
- School newsletter
- Communication to parents
- Curriculum and variety of opportunities provided by the school
- Whole staff team- office, support staff and teaching staff
- Ethos, atmosphere and environment
- Pastoral care
- Extra- curricular opportunities
- Phonics teaching
- Range of enrichment activities offered in the curriculum
- Sense of community
- Quality of teaching
- School leadership

A small sample of the very many positive comments that were received- thank you!:

- Strong, enthusiastic, positive, caring staff who are doing an excellent job.
- Excellent leadership and positive and approachable attitude of all staff
- The Teachers are fabulous and extremely hard working. Their every effort goes into ensuing success for the kids.
- Excellent leadership throughout, all staff are very friendly and approachable, wide range of experiences for the children, excellent newsletters full of information. Wonderful school community for everyone.
- Happy, supportive school with strong sense of community.
- I love the variety of opportunities that the school is offering at the moment. My daughter is loving doing things she would never normally do - pushing her outside of her comfort zone to increase her confidence in dealing with the unknown. This has improved massively in the last few months - keep up the good work. I also love the coffee mornings and the opportunities to engage with the teachers informally. Fantastic idea.
- CPS continues to provide a happy, caring, inclusive and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to develop both academic and social skills via a diverse range of learning opportunities.
- Despite being an excellent learning environment the staff are always looking to improve. Always feel staff go above and beyond for the children. Putting them first.

- Fantastic teachers, committed team. Brilliant leadership who are very approachable and responsive to views of children and parents. Such a positive environment even through a difficult time.
- After a very difficult year I think the leadership and staff have done a great job in ensuring the school remains a safe, happy and steady environment for the children. I think the quality of the teaching has always been, and remains, extremely high. I also think the staff have done a great job in offering extra sports clubs, sports events, school trips, plays and activities which have offered extra enrichment to the children's schooling. I appreciate that staff often go over and above to offer this- thank you.
- Really impressed by commitment, experience, kindness, support and openness and wisdom of the staff. Thank you.
- Keep up the great work and thank you for providing our children with a wonderfully progressive, professional and safe environment to develop.
- The school staff really care about the pupils and it shows.

Summary of common themes in response to ‘Please let us know of any areas that you feel could be developed further at school’

- Communication to parents- clarity and different channels used, including the role of the class reps
- More after school club places
- More notice of school events
- Parents evenings
- More extra- curricular clubs after school
- Curriculum information
- More CPSA events for parents
- Playground and outside space

You said...	We did...
Sometimes the different communication channels are hard to keep up with and the information shared can be confusing	<p>We are streamlining communication with parents.</p> <p>All school communication will come directly from the school office. Initial communication will be via email and text messages will be used as reminders.</p> <p>Teachers will use Google classroom for homework and reminders for the children about class related information. Teachers will also post photographs and/ or videos on Google classroom pages as well as useful documents and resources for helping with learning at home.</p> <p>We have reviewed the parent rep system. From September the Class Reps will be renamed as ‘CPSA Reps’. This role will include organising parents in classes/ year groups for fundraising events e.g. finding and organising volunteers for a year group stall at the Summer Fair, promoting CPSA events, encouraging volunteers and attendance at CPSA events. The role will not include any responsibilities for school communication. All communication will come via the office and parents should make contact with the</p>

	<p>office if they have any queries. CPSA Reps will not be a 'link' between parents and teachers. We would encourage all parents to raise any concerns, comments or feedback to either classteachers or a member of SLT. We will send out an annual parent survey via Google forms and will also send out additional termly Google forms to give parents the opportunity for general feedback which does not relate specifically to their child. CPSA Reps will also not collect any contact information from parents on behalf of the school. We are aware that many year groups use Whatsapp groups as an informal means of communication. We know that many parents find these groups a useful way to remind each other of upcoming events and to organise social get togethers outside of school- these are not, however, part of the school communication system and will not be used to share information by the school. There will not be anybody in these groups who will be speaking on behalf of the school.</p> <p>We are grateful for the work carried out by our parent reps to date and thank them for all that they have done. Moving forward, we hope that this change to the system provides more clarity for parents around the role and allows all parents to feel that they have equal and direct access to teachers and the school.</p>
When events are announced at short notice, it is hard for parents to be able to plan.	<p>Wherever possible, we will give parents as much notice as possible of school events and trips. Sometimes, there are opportunities for the school to take part in an event at shorter notice. We will endeavour to inform you of these dates as soon as possible.</p> <p>Where last minute changes have to be made, which are often outside of our control, we will keep you informed. While the school has been operating in exceptional circumstances it has been more of a challenge to forward plan as much as we would have liked and we apologise where this has caused inconvenience. We are hopeful that this will become easier again in the Autumn Term.</p>
We would like more after school club places.	<p>We are aware of the significant demand for after school club places from working parents. We have previously expanded our club and, at the moment, are unable to increase capacity any further because of staffing and space restrictions. We aim to keep parents informed and will offer places as and when they become available.</p>
Parents evenings could be improved.	<p>Many parents like the flexibility that online parents' evenings offer. They have made it easier for many parents to engage with the school without the need for a babysitter or to miss time off work. However, we know that some of you are missing the 'in real life' contact with your child's class teacher. In the Autumn Term we are planning on offering a 'blended' system for parents- one evening will remain online and one evening will return to face to face. We will review this following the appointments and then decide on a model for the spring Term. We will continue to offer an 'Open Classroom' event each term for parents to look at their children's books in school.</p>
We would like to know more about what our child is learning at school and the curriculum.	<p>The school curriculum is available on the school website- please do take a look to get an overview of what your child is doing every term. We offer parents evenings in the Autumn and Spring Terms and a detailed written report in the Summer Term. We also hold 'Open Classroom' events where parents can come into school and look at work with their children. In the next academic year, we are planning a series of workshops for parents to hear about and understand different aspects of the school curriculum. Our weekly newsletter also gives an overview of what each year group have been learning so that you can follow up with your children at home.</p>
We would like more CPSA run events	<p>We are incredibly grateful to our CPSA committee and volunteers for the work that they do. They have raised an incredible amount for school funds and put on some lovely and well attended events. It has been great seeing this get back up to speed</p>

	<p>following a very difficult few years with Covid. If you have any creative, exciting ideas or would like to volunteer to run a new event, we know that the CPSA would be delighted to hear from you!</p>
<p>The playground and outside space could be better</p>	<p>We do have some constraints on our outside space but have tried to maximise the space that we do have as effectively as possible. We are really pleased to have our playground back to fully operational after all of the building work. The children are enjoying the extra room! We have ordered new equipment and signage for the playground, which the CPSA have agreed to fund. We are also investing in some new play equipment for our EYFS outside area. We are continuing to investigate the possibilities for the MUGA pitch and are working with the local authority to push that project forward.</p>
<p>We would like a wider range of clubs offered after school.</p>	<p>Although many parents commented positively in the survey about the range of clubs on offer, we are always seeking to improve our provision. We are delighted that we have been able to source some additional externally run clubs to add to our offer in September. We shall be starting Lego Master Builders, Nutritional Ninjas cookery club and Cardboard Engineering in addition to our existing external and teacher run clubs. We shall share the full range of clubs available at the beginning of the Autumn Term. We will continue to look for ways to widen our offer of high quality extra-curricular clubs to the pupils, while taking into account space and staffing considerations across the school.</p>

