

5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Survey Results**

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to our survey. Your thoughts and views are really important to us.

In this letter I have summarised the results. Staff were overwhelmed by the positivity that you have shown for Bolder – thank you. As you know though, we are never complacent and seek to take on board your comments.

The results of the survey showed the following:

Question	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at the Academy	97%	-	3%
My child feels safe at the Academy	98%	2%	-
My child makes good progress	78%	22%	-
My child is looked after at the Academy	88%	12%	-
My child is taught well	80%	20%	-
The Academy encourages my child to be healthy	77%	22%	1%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94%	3%	3%
The Academy ensures that students behave well	92%	5%	3%
The Academy deals effectively with bullying	60%	40%	-
The Academy is well led and managed	94%	6%	-
The Academy responds well to any concerns raised	73%	25%	2%
I received valuable information about my child's progress	78%	26%	5%
My child can tell me about their rights and responsibilities	85%	15%	-
The Academy promotes diversity	80%	20%	-
My child can tell me about the challenges they get in their learning	82%	18%	-
I would recommend this school to other parents	90%	10%	-

Having reviewed the results, it is wonderful to see so many parents being supportive and recognising the hard work of staff and students alike.

Looking at the responses, there are a number of parents/carers answering 'don't know'. We will seek to communicate better around these issues and address this further by sending out information in January. Topics will include:

- Student progress and how we challenge students in their learning.
- Healthy lifestyles and how we teach students about this topic.
- How we deal with bullying and how we promote diversity.

Furthermore, it has been helpful to receive the additional comments from the survey about how we can improve. Below sets out some of the points raised and our responses:

#### **Question 1: How can parents get more involved?**

*Response 1: We would like to launch a Parent Association in the New Year. Details of how to support this are in the December newsletter.*

#### **Question 2: Can the students get lockers?**

*Response 2: Space is limited at 390 London Road and therefore, we feel this would prevent free movement around the building. Instead, we encourage students to be organised and pack the night before. They do not need to bring all of their books every day.*

#### **Question 3: We would like to see the meals improve.**

*Response 3: The Student Leadership Team recently gathered views from their class mates and these have been shared with the caterers. As a result, the menu will change in the New Year.*

#### **Question 4: Can we have further information about the curriculum?**

*Response 4: Curriculum plans will be shared as will the assessment cycles in January 2019.*

So finally, to leave you with some of the delightful comments: "Thank you for a wonderful first few months," "My daughter is so happy with the school," "I'm really excited about Bolder's future." I have of course, passed these messages onto staff.

Thank you once again.

**Heidi Swidenbank**