



5th June 2024

Dear Parents,

Results of Reception to Year 6 Parent Survey 2023/2024

Thank you to all of you who responded to the recent annual parent survey. We use the data to support the forward planning of the school. Your feedback is invaluable and complements the feedback we receive via our regular contact with you. I am always appreciative of this as it helps inform our planning and ensures we are working closely with you, so thank you for your time and effort in delivering this to us.

Strengths of Forest Preparatory School

The parent community is very satisfied with school life at Forest Preparatory School. Most parents express their love for the school's ethos, which perfectly balances academia with instilling strong values and morals in the children.

There is a very clear sense of what most parents regard as the primary strengths of the school. The most common responses were:

- The school has a strong family community feel, children are happy and love to come to school
- Opportunities are plentiful both inside and outside the curriculum, providing children with the opportunity to discover and develop their own talents and interests.
- In addition to its strong focus on education, the school instils important values in the children, helping them develop into well-rounded individuals with good manners and kindness.

The following table lists the questions which achieved a satisfaction rating of 97% or above:

Main School Questions	% who graded strongly agree or agree
The school ensures that my child develops effective skills in making friends and developing positive relationships	97%
The range of subjects, including any online learning, is suitable for my child	98%
The school encourages my child to adopt a healthy lifestyle	97%

Priorities for Academic Year 2023/24

I really appreciate the time it took you to complete the survey and can assure you that responses to each question have been carefully reviewed. Based on the feedback we have identified the following areas to be reviewed:

- **Facilities/Outdoor Space:**
Parents have noted that our sports facilities and outdoor space do not compare favourably with other Independent schools. While we can only work with the outdoor



space we have, we are fortunate to have beautiful school grounds and work diligently to maintain our picturesque gardens.

To address the limited grounds, we rent Timperley Sports Club on Tuesday afternoons. There, the children enjoy excellent facilities and participate in a whole afternoon of sports, including hockey, football, and netball. Additionally, we have a specialist PE teacher who leads sessions designed to foster a love for sports and develop strong teamwork skills.

We are also excited to announce that we are in the early stages of planning a new playground, which will feature a variety of play equipment. We are also very thankful to our Parents Association who have been working with us on this project.

- **Communication**

Parents have mentioned that they often receive slow or mixed messages from teaching staff. To ensure timely and accurate information, we encourage parents to contact the school office, where our staff are always happy to assist and readily available.

In February, we launched the iSams App, and letters are now uploaded there. This change aims to help parents manage information more efficiently by streamlining it in one place. We encourage parents to regularly check the relevant folders on the iSAMS Parent Portal app to stay updated on all school communications. Additionally, letters regarding specific events for individual children, such as sports teams, choir, or competitions, will continue to be emailed to the relevant parents on Thursdays.

I hope that this is all good news. It comes as a direct result of your input for which I am very grateful. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the survey results, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Booth

Headmaster