

## Your views: Summary of parental survey on end of year reports

The following is a summary of the parental survey carried out in July 2009 to gather your views on end of year reports.

The responses are represented as a percentage of the 91 questionnaires received. We have also included a balance of comments to give a fair representation of your views.

Question 1	80% felt that reports are about the right length
Question 2	70% felt that that they had a clear picture of their child's achievement.
Question 3	77% felt that they had a clear picture of their child's progress.
Question 4	70% were happy with the way the reports are written.
Question 5	87% like the way the report is organised into subject areas.
Question 6	71% felt that reports gave them enough information.

The vast majority of parents were very positive in their responses to the survey and many parents felt that no changes were needed to the report format.

### Parents had the strongest views in the following areas:

- recognition of time & work put in by teachers
- parents were very positive about the Head Teacher & General Comments sections
- an appreciation of the accuracy of their child's progress & achievements
- reports had too much detail about subjects & curriculum
- too wordy, using 'teacher speak', that needed explaining
- clearer benchmarks or information relating to national averages would give clearer indication of progress
- the cut & paste appearance of reports

- parents wanted to see areas in which they could help their child improve & how to work with them at home

### What the school will do next in response to parental views

Thank-you, to those who took the time to respond to the survey; your comments are illuminating, helpful & encouraging. The school will be working towards a new report format that fulfils the statutory requirements & responds to parent & teachers' views.

### A selection of parent comments

"No measurable values"

"Woffly teacher speak "

"very personal "

"Detail should be presented concisely & clearly in plain English"

"No peer comparison"

"Insightful, perceptive & correct"

"Would prefer to know a quantitative mark"

"I would like a handwritten one"

"no real sense of relativity either to school benchmark or national average"

"would like a section on what to work on at home"

"Too repetitive"

"Love the detailed report - please continue to give as much detail as possible"

"Bland!"

"I want to know the truth without having to read between the lines"

"No targets for progression. Shorter more specific reports would appeal"

"Not possible to understand what achievements have been made"

"We don't need information on every subject"

"Must be very hard work for teachers"

"I love the way there is a strong focus on the child's personality as well as their academic achievement"

"Worded positively even if negative points are raised"