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Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Questionnaire 2025–26 – Summary of Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. We were pleased to receive 234 responses, and we appreciate the time, care and honesty that went into your feedback.

It was very reassuring for us to read such a large number of positive comments. While we always know there is more we can do, it is encouraging to see that many families feel positively about their experience of our school. The full results of the questionnaire are shared at the end of this letter.

What Parents Told Us is Working Well

We were particularly pleased to read that so many parents feel that:

- Their children are happy and feel safe at school, which remains our most important priority.
- Staff are seen as caring, approachable and committed, and that children are known and supported as individuals.
- There is a strong sense of community and shared values, with many families describing the school as welcoming and inclusive.
- The range of opportunities beyond the classroom—including clubs, trips and events—is valued by children and families alike.
- We were also very grateful that so many parents said they would recommend the school to others, which means a great deal to us.

Homework

We were pleased that parents were generally supportive of our current approach to homework, with many (92%) agreeing that the focus on reading regularly and practising key maths skills provides a sensible balance for children and families.

At the same time, we recognise the helpful suggestions shared, including:

- Providing some optional additional work for those who would like it
- Giving more attention to spelling and handwriting
- Offering clearer feedback or guidance where possible

We will reflect carefully on this feedback to see how we can continue to develop this area in a manageable and meaningful way.

Where We Can Improve

As always, your feedback has helped us to identify areas where we can improve further. The most common themes were:

1. Communication

While many parents felt communication is generally strong, a number of responses highlighted that the use of different platforms can sometimes feel confusing.

We will look at how we can:

Bring communication into a more consistent and accessible format

Ensure important information is clear and easy to find

Provide as much advance notice as possible

2. Practical Matters

A number of parents raised practical concerns, including:

Parking around the school

Access to wraparound care

Outdoor and site facilities

We understand the impact of these issues and will continue to explore what improvements may be possible over time.

Autumn Half-Term Consultation

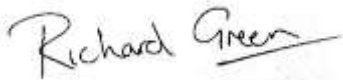
Thank you also for sharing your views on the suggestion of a consultation on the two-week Autumn half-term. Responses reflected a range of perspectives, with many parents open to further discussion. The Governing Body will now take time to carefully consider this feedback alongside the practical implications before making any decisions about next steps.

Moving Forward

We are very proud of the school, but also very aware that there is always more we can do. Your feedback helps us to reflect, to prioritise, and to continue improving.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and for the part you play in our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Richard Green
Headteacher

Grove Wood Primary School

Parent Questionnaire Summer 2025-26 Analysis (234 Responses received)

The responses to the Previous Parent Survey, where the questions remained consistent are in brackets below
Due to rounding, the totals will not always equal 100%

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Positive Response | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| My child is happy at this school | 77% (72%) | 21% (26%) | 98% (98%) | 1% (2%) | 1% (0%) |
| My child feels safe at this school | 85% (82%) | 14% (17%) | 99% (99%) | 1% (1%) | 0% (0%) |
| The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved | 72%(69%) | 27% (30%) | 99% (99%) | 1% (1%) | 0% (0%) |
| The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year | 74% (76%) | 25% (22%) | 99% (99%) | 1% (2%) | 0% (0%) |
| The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know | 65%(46%) | 30% (47%) | 95% (93%) | 5%(7%) | 0%(1%) |
| When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart | 72% | 26% | 98% | 2% | 0% |
| The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well | 72% | 26% | 98% | 3% | 0% |
| The school is well led and managed | 86% | 14% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| I would recommend this school to another parent | 99% (98%) | | | 1% (2%) | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| Do you think that Grove Wood achieves the right balance with homework by placing the emphasis on regular reading and practising maths skills. | 92% | 8% |

| | My child has not been bullied | Strongly Agree | Agree | Positive Response | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively | 85% (80%) | 5% (5%) | 5% (10%) | 95% (95%) | 4%(5%) | 1% (1%) |

| | I have not raised any concerns | Strongly Agree | Agree | Positive Response | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly | 35% (37%) | 40% (33%) | 23% (28%) | 98% (98%) | 3% (2%) | 0% (1%) |

Parent / Carer Comments on Holiday Consultation

| | Yes we should consult | No we shouldn't consult | I don't hold a strong opinion either way |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| In our most recent Parent Questionnaire a number of parents raised the suggestion that Grove Wood should consult parents once again on the proposal of a two week half term in the Autumn term. | 49% | 15% | 36% |