

## **PUPIL VOICE AT SWISS GARDENS - June 2017**

I thought you would like to know what our children said about the school when they filled in the questionnaire this term. 35 children were chosen randomly, they were taken out of class and asked questions in line with the parent questionnaire. They were children from Year One to Six. Year Three to Six children filled in the questionnaire independently and discussed the issues with me afterwards.

Overwhelmingly the children's view of the school is very positive. There were two questions where the responses were "disagree responses" and these were about homework and bullying. Interestingly children like parents, either think they have too much homework or too little! The issue about bullying came up around unkind words and the children's perceptions about the sanctions children get following unkind behaviour.

**I am happy at this school**      18 strongly agree      17 agree

**Agree + = 100%**

**I feel safe at this school**      24 strongly agree      11 agree

**Agree + = 100%**

**I make good progress at this school**      19 Strongly agree      15 Agree      1 Don't know

**Agree + = 97%**

**I am well looked after at this school**      30 Strongly agree      3 Agree      2 Don't know

**Agree + = 94%**

**I am taught well at this school**      31 Strongly agree      4 Agree

**Agree + = 100%**

**I get the right amount of homework for my age**      11 Strongly agree      15 Agree      7 Disagree

**Agree + = 75%**

2 Don't know

*\*Of the 7 who disagreed 4 wanted less homework and 3 wanted more.*

**The school makes sure pupils are well behaved**      8 Strongly agree      23 Agree      4 Don't know

**Agree + = 88%**

**My school deals well with bullying**      21 Strongly agree      6 Agree      4 disagree      4 Don't know

**Agree + = 77%**

**My teachers help me when I have problems**      30 Strongly agree      4 Agree      1 Don't know

**Agree + = 97%**

**I know what my next steps for learning are**      22 Strongly agree      12 agree      1 Don't know

**Agree + = 97%**

**I understand how to improve my work**      26 Strongly agree      4 Agree      2 disagree

**Agree + = 86 %**

2 Don't know

**I would recommend this school**      35 strongly agree

**Agree + = 100%**

**NS➔ for Swiss Gardens!**

**I will get a group of Year Five and Year Six children to work with me to find solutions to the issues raised particularly with sanction and reward for children falling below the standard of behaviour expected. We take the issue of bullying very seriously the 11% who felt bullying was not dealt with correctly, will have more time with me to unpick the issues.**

**Ruth Maybury**

**Children were able to make comments about the questions and their responses, these are particularly useful in helping us move forward.**

**The children were completely free to say what they wanted. We are proud of what they said:**

**"We have a worry box in our classroom that helps when we feel sad" Year Three boy.**

**"I know my next steps are about my learning about money "Year one boy**

**"My old school had bullies who were mean to me there is no bullies like that here"  
Year Three boy**

**"I would recommend this school to people who want a school that is safe and happy,  
the teachers are good here" Year Four boy**

**"Big yes to my school helps me" Year One girl**

**"Miss Gibbs is really good at dealing with problems" Year Six girl**

**"We get enough homework but I don't like it I think our time should be our own"  
Year six boy.**

**"We improve our work with our pink pens "Year Six girl**

**"Whenever I have a problem my teacher's sort it out" Year Four boy**

**"My next step is adding in more information" Year Six girl**

**"I would tell other children to come to Swiss Gardens" Year Two boy**

**"I've got quite a few problems and they are all being dealt with by my teachers, when  
I am upset my teachers always find a way the make me happy "Year Five girl**

**"When I was younger and having problems Scott and Miss Scurca took me out and  
helped me calm down" Year Five boy**

**"I would tell someone new to the area that they should go to Swiss Gardens it's a  
great school" Year Three girl**

**"I would recommend this school, I have moved here in Year Four and people are nice  
and friendly to me" Year Four girl**