



# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

## Autumn Term 2019

### Parent, pupil and staff survey results

Thank you to all those of you who took part in our parent survey earlier in the summer, we had 37 responses. Your responses provide valuable feedback on how the school is doing. This year, homework, behaviour and dealing with bullying are the areas of greatest positive progress. Some of the highlights from the survey are:

- 100% feel that the school is well led and managed
- 96% of parents feel that staff are welcoming and approachable
- 94% of parents feel that their child achieves a good standard of work and is treated fairly by staff

Areas where we could develop further, include communicating effectively with parents and providing valuable information about your child's progress. We would like to remind parents that, in addition to programmed information meetings and parent consultations, the school has an Open Door policy and all staff are happy to meet with parents, by appointment, at any stage during the year.

162 pupils completed our pupil survey and again the responses provided us with valuable feedback. The highlights from this survey are:

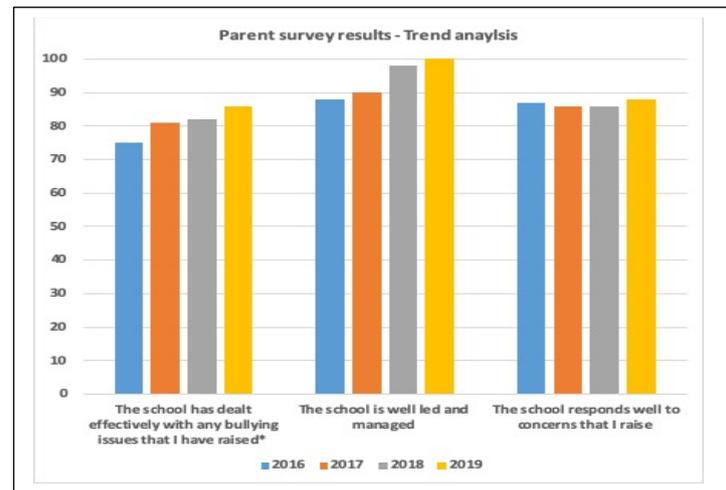
- 96% of pupils feel safe in school, an increase of 15% on last year
- 97% feel that they learn new things in school
- 94% believe that adults in school help them improve their work
- 94% enjoy breaks and lunchtimes

Areas where pupils need further clarification are those relating to their next steps and targets, and how to share their ideas either in class or to improve things around the school.

The staff survey shows that: 100% of staff are proud to work at the school, 100% feel pupils are safe, 100% understand their role with regard to safeguarding and 100% think the Governors do an effective job.

We will be developing an action plan to address the areas of development indicated by the survey and will give you feedback on progress.

**Thank you once again to everyone who took part.**



## **Pupil progress and Year end results**

We were delighted with the excellent Key Stage 2 results this year. In particular, the breadth of good scores across reading, writing and maths, the greater depth achievements and the quality of childrens' writing. The Governors extended thanks to Mr Simpson and all the teaching staff for their efforts. Heidi Allen was invited to the school to congratulate the Year 6 children and she spent time talking to them and watching part of their year end performance. Letters of congratulation have been received from Jonathan Lewis, Service Director for Education at Cambridgeshire County Council, and from Rosemarie Sadler, Head of School Improvement, in particular for the achievements of disadvantaged children. Well done to Mr Austin and last year's Year 6 pupils.

The governors have spent time reviewing in detail the year end pupil progress position and the SATs results. The governors are pleased with the good progress that has been made in all year groups across reading, writing and maths but recognize that some of our more vulnerable groups of children continue to require greater support and monitoring, but were pleased to hear that a range of interventions have been implemented successfully this year.

### **Have you thought about becoming a Parent Governor?**

**If so, we would love to hear from you.** We are saying goodbye to two governors this term who have come to the end of their term. As a result, we have two parent governor vacancies.

As governors we are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, holding the school to account, and the financial management of the school. This is an exciting new phase for the school as this year we will be in transition as we move towards joining the Morris Education Trust. The school has had excellent end of year results and with an Ofsted rating of Good we continue to work towards improved outcomes for our pupils.

**We have an excellent team of committed and enthusiastic staff.**

**We are looking for parents who would like to join our team and help us focus on teaching and learning.**

**To find out more please call our office to arrange an informal visit:**

**Tel: 01223 276484 or email [office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk) or email the**

**Chair of Governors, Rowena Barnes [rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk)**

**Applications can be made by submission of your C.V. Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **Joining The Morris Education Trust**

We wrote to you in the summer to notify you that the Governing Body has made the decision to join The Morris Education Trust. Our expression of interest has been submitted to the Regional School's Commissioner and we will be submitting our application in the near future. The transition period is expected to take anything from 6 to 9 months and we will keep you updated on our progress.