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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of you that completed the parent questionnaire.

I am delighted that the overwhelming majority of responses were positive and thank you for your comments regarding what you like about Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery.

An overall analysis is attached but I would like to address some comments that came up a number of times.

**1. More notice of events in school.**

Whilst I appreciate that it can be difficult for parents to take time off from work to attend events, sometimes circumstances beyond our control mean that dates and/or times need to be changed. However, we do aim to give a minimum of 2 weeks' notice where possible.

**2. More events where parents are invited.**

We appreciate that positive parent partnership is essential to your child's learning and we do plan to have class workshops that you will be invited to. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has halted that for the time being. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will get back to our schedule of workshops.

**3. More communication about how children are getting on.**

Formal parent meetings are scheduled for the Autumn and Spring Terms. A full progress report is produced towards the end of the Summer Term.

Class teachers are available to meet with you after school, by appointment. Please telephone the School Office if you wish to make an appointment. You can also email your child's class teacher and they will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

**4. Better communication**

- All communication is sent via email so please make sure Mrs Kiln has your most up to date contact details.
- You will receive a monthly update letter from me, usually on the first Friday in a month and newsletters with diary dates are sent out half-termly by Mrs Kiln.

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- Please check your emails regularly and make sure you check your 'spam' or 'junk' folder too.
- Check the school website – all letters are posted on there.
- Social Media is also used to publicise events at times but this is only a secondary source of information, after emails.

## 5. Tapestry

Tapestry is used in Reception and, for this first time this year, has 'followed' children into Year 1. This will continue when they move into year 2. Year 1 updates are more class and/or group based, rather than individual observations.

## 6. Breakfast and After School Clubs

This is something I am very keen to introduce. However, before I commit to offering this provision, I need to undertake a consultation to determine cost effectiveness. You will receive a letter on Friday.

## 7. General comments

You will see from the data that the overwhelming majority of responses were positive. However, I have noted that some responders did not agree with some of the statements. It will be very helpful if you would offer suggestions for how we can improve. Your comments and suggestions are highly valued, so please remember there is a suggestion box located in the School Office Reception area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington  
Headteacher

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