



Headteacher : Mrs Claire Matthews
Deputy Headteacher : Mrs Lorna Blackhurst

18th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a good and restful festive break, and that the children have made it through the first week back at school without being too exhausted!

As a Governing Body we are looking forward to a great Spring Term at school. Our new families have settled well into school, and throughout the school the enjoyment that the children are getting from their learning, and the progress they are making, is tangible. We are expecting an inspection by Ofsted at some point before the end of this academic year, and have been working hard as governors to support Mrs Matthews and her team as we seek to ensure that we have a very positive outcome. All of the feedback from external agencies is extremely positive, including from the Local Authority and the Diocese of Ely, which combined with the incredibly strong set of results which our children have achieved over the last couple of years gives us a great deal of confidence, which I'm sure that you share.

As many of you are aware, in the Summer Term we conducted a survey of parental views across a wide range of areas of school life here at Abbots Ripton Primary School. As governors, we were delighted that we had 52 responses and we would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Your views are vital to supporting us in understanding the strengths and areas for development within the school.

Included with this letter is a copy of the results of the survey and as you can see we have grouped the responses into parents who either strongly agreed or agreed, those who strongly disagreed or disagreed and finally parents who either said the question wasn't appropriate for them or it wasn't answered at all.

The results are very pleasing and we are delighted that so many of you feel so positive about the school. We have included some of your comments which were so wonderful to read and appreciated by both the staff and governors. Your opinions are valued and acted upon and as such we have also included an action and/or response to the few areas where 12% or more parents disagreed or strongly disagreed with a statement as this represents 6 or more parents with this view.

We would also like to say how pleased we are that many areas show an improvement on the previous questionnaire; in 2017 only 87% of responses agreed that communication between home and school is effective and this year the result was 100%! This is fantastic as we do work hard to ensure that we communicate effectively. Similarly, 100% of responses said that their child enjoys school and all responses agreed that teaching is good at the school.

We are very proud of all that is being done in the school to ensure the very best education for all and we as governors continue to focus on areas where we could be even better. Your feedback is really important to us – thank you.

A topic which we regularly discuss as governors is the provision of before and after school provision, and a number of you have written to me directly on this subject. As many of you will be aware, we have looked at numerous options over the last few years, but none have proved to be viable and sustainable. Nevertheless, we continue to look for new ideas, and are currently looking into the possibility of an external provider running this provision at our school. We will keep you informed of our progress with this.

Thank you once again for all of your support – I and my fellow governors look forward to working with you in the coming term.

If you would like to make contact with me about any school matter, please feel free to email me at Rprice@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk or via the school office.

Very best wishes,

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Dr Robin Price
Chair of Governors



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