

Kenningtons Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once a year we like to gather your views on how you see the school and how you think it is doing. Many of you completed our Parent Questionnaire at the Parent Consultation Day last December and we thank you for taking the time to do this. Results of the questionnaire can be found on our website <http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Howarewedoing>.

Please take a look at the results. I hope you will agree that overall

- you are happy sending your children to Kenningtons,
- you believe your children are benefiting from good teaching and making good progress
- you have confidence in the school being well run and managed

It is satisfying to know that we, that is the Governing Body, the Headteacher and the leadership team and all other members of staff have the support of the vast majority of parents and carers. It is also important that we know what you think. It's important for us to consider your constructive comments and suggestions as it helps us influence our decision making with regard to the school's strategy, vision and performance.

It's very pleasing to read the many complimentary and positive comments many of you made praising teachers and thanking them and staff for their hard work. You also commented how much your children enjoy coming to school. Here are some of the wonderful comments you made:

<i>'Perfect nursery'</i>	<i>'Nursery staff are amazing'</i>	<i>'My child loves coming to school every day'</i>
<i>'I think the school is excellent'</i>	<i>'Please keep up the good work'</i>	<i>'Kenningtons – it's a great school!'</i>
<i>'My child has improved in behaviour and has become an even happier child'</i>	<i>'Thanks for taking good care of the children'</i>	<i>'Was not 100% happy with son's progress but things are being put into place to improve'</i>



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The questionnaire also gave you the opportunity to make separate comments and raise any issue about which you may need clarification. Specific individual issues cannot be addressed in this letter but general queries and comments can and we hope to provide answers to some of them as follows:

<p>Q. The consultation was rushed through</p>	<p>A. In response to parents' requests, we increased the number of minutes for each consultation with the teacher to 15 minutes. Please remember that you do have the extra opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about any concerns at the drop-ins which are held every 2 weeks.</p>
<p>Q. More should be done for the children to visit the library.</p>	<p>A. Children at Kenningtons do have the opportunity to visit the local library. However these visits are only arranged when they are in certain year groups. Children are able to visit Aveley library out of school hours – it is open Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and also on Saturday mornings.</p>
<p>Q. Can there be more challenging reading?</p>	<p>A. The school is investing in new reading books. Pupils will have a new "School Library" - it will be launched soon. So please look out for more information.</p>
<p>Q. Can there be more homework?</p>	<p>A. We believe the amount of homework given is just about right for children of primary age. Regular reading at home is important – not just school books but newspapers, magazines, comics are also good. It's also really important that you practice times-tables with your child. They can also do "Mathletics" – there is a link on our website.</p>
<p>Q. Can there be more information on my child's progress?</p>	<p>A. Updates on children's progress are provided at the end of Autumn and Spring terms and in the final end of year report in the Summer term. We continually assess pupils throughout the year which informs future planning for each child. Three times a year teachers formally review children's learning and make an assessment of where they are in their learning.</p>



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	Information is collated by the Headteacher to ensure that all children are making required progress.
Q. Can there be more choices at lunch – e.g. sandwiches, jacket potatoes, pizza?	A. It is important that we provide a hot meal at lunch times. The meals are nutritionally balanced. There are two choices plus the salad bar. A variety of meals are provided throughout the week and the menu changes on a 3 weekly cycle.
Q. Can the Play Away Cabin (Shed) be made available daily during playtime?	A. Each year group has a specific day allocated to them for use of the Play Away Cabin equipment. This hopefully gives each year group fair use of the equipment.
Q. Can a foreign language be included in the curriculum?	A. The curriculum at Kenningtons has been carefully designed to meet the needs of our children. Unfortunately it is not possible to fit a foreign language into the curriculum.

The school does its best to provide the best possible education and experience for your children. However we acknowledge that sometimes things do happen where you need a response from us and an explanation as to what has happened. Your first point of contact should be your child's teacher or the school office; please be patient while they try to sort out your query.

We know most of you find the information contained in the weekly newsletter and letters via parentmail very good and this is your preferred method of communication. Along with our Twitter feed, Facebook page and our website, please continue to keep up with what's going on at Kenningtons.

Good and open communication between the school and parents and carers is important and the results and comments from the questionnaire go quite some way to show that we have a group of parents and carers who care about their children and school. We thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Sayers

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body



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