West Sussex County Council

COLGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaires. Below are the outcomes and responses to suggestions that were raised. We've grouped together any themes that arose but if you feel your points haven't been answered, please make an appointment to see me.

- We will be arranging a meeting in the summer term for year 2 parents to meet Miss Wilson and the Key Stage 2 team. This will give you an opportunity to hear about transition and how learning happens in Years 3 to 6.
- Following an increase in requests for working parents to have a regular after school provision, we will be working with Rocketeers from February half term. In order for the provision to be viable, they needed a minimum number of children to attend. Whilst we are really aware that some of our free clubs are attended due to children enjoying the activities, many also attend to support working parents. As our teachers are extending their working day to deliver them and we needed positive uptake in order to support Rocketeers, we've had to make the decision to end teacher's after school clubs. This has enabled us to proceed with Rocketeers and has given teachers back valuable planning time.
- We are one of very few schools in West Sussex which run our own kitchen and cook our food on site. If there are any menu changes made, we ask School Council to survey the children to check uptake and enjoyment. We have a very high uptake of school dinners compared to schools which use an outside contractor to deliver reheated packaged meals. Mrs Sanders our cook is always happy to discuss your child's dietary needs so please contact her through the school office if you have any questions. Children are monitored as to how much they eat each day. If we have any concerns, the lunchtime staff alert the class teacher, who will let you know. Years 3 to 6 are offered a second helping if one is available. Years R, 1 and 2 eat at midday so if you feel your child is hungry by 3.15, please feel free to add an extra healthy snack to their book bag. You may chose to have a variety of dinners or packed lunch through the week depending on the menu options for the day.



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- We are pleased with the increased communication we are able to use through Seesaw as this builds on the practice set in Years R, 1 and 2 through Tapestry. Seesaw is relatively new to us so we are developing its capacity. Miss Pagden has led brilliantly on this and recently shared it with our locality IT lead teachers. We encourage you to use both Tapestry and Seesaw as a way to check in with class teachers if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress between our parent and carer evenings. We are also looking as to how they can be used to share current learning with you to discuss with your child at home. This would run alongside Education city and topic activities. As a school we are moving away from worksheet home learning as it doesn't have a good uptake and isn't how secondary school home learning is delivered. Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed are very popular and beneficial to the children. Reading always continues to be an incredibly valuable home learning activity.
- We will be adding a third parent/evening in the summer term which will give you a further
 opportunity to hear about your child's progress. There are also the termly assemblies
 which share class learning and during which you can see recent work that has been taking
 place.
- We have seen a slight increase in rough play at playtime recently. This is being addressed through whole school assemblies, in class conversation and a revision of playground rules and sanctions.
- At our June INSET, we are reviewing our topic cycles to ensure that learning is current, relevant and engaging across the school. Teachers have recently adjusted some topics to match the learning needs in their class which shows a flexible approach to the curriculum at Colgate. We must always ensure that we have covered the National Curriculum requirements and skills. Due to our class structures, we do have to run a two year cycle in years 3 to 6 and a 3 year cycle in years R to 2. This avoids repetition in learning. Although this means that not all children will learn the same topics, they will all have equal access to all skills in science, art, history, geography, music, IT, PE, DT and PSHE.



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	(please tick)	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school (45 responses)	96%	4%
2	The school keeps my child safe (45 responses)	100%	
3	The school informs me about my child's progress (45 responses)	91%	9%
4	My child is making enough progress at this school (43 responses)	98%	2%
5	The teaching is good at this school (46 responses)	98%	2%
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning (45 responses)	98%	2%
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (45 responses)	98%	2%
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (e.g. transition to secondary school) (40 responses)	90%	10%
9	The school meets my child's particular needs (45 responses)	98%	2%
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (43 responses)	95%	5%
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (45 responses)	93%	7%
12	The school is led and managed effectively (45 responses)	98%	2%
13	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school (45 responses)	100%	

These are very positive results and we'd like to thank you for your continued support and for working with us to help us be our best,

Have a good weekend,

Rebecca Winn

Rebecca Winn Headteacher Colgate Primary School

