



Stakeholder Survey April 2021

We had 90 responses from a range of stakeholders which represented 57% of the children. A summary of the responses is included below.

Thank you for taking the time to help us plan for the future, we do really appreciate it.

Reading Diaries

Thank you for your suggestions, we will include what we can within our cost boundaries.

Educational Visits

Most families wanted two per year with the cost in the region of £15-£25.

Swimming

Most children have private lessons and swim regularly with their family.

Without school swimming lessons most families felt their child will still be able to swim.

The majority of families wanted the school to organise water sports activities, organise catch up swimming and ask parents to teach their child how to swim.

Uniform

Most families wanted

- a choice from 2 PE tops.
- crew neck sweatshirts.
- grey tailored shorts, trousers or skirts.
- grey tights and socks.
- not to have a green checked tartan skirt.

The [school website](#) has been updated.

Homework

The majority of families agreed with the current policy. We will be altering the project work.

Parent/Carer workshops

There were requests for all the options but we will work through them in the order of the most popular starting with assessment, maths and reading.

Additional Comments

In response to the individual comments made I have responded below.

Homework

This is optional as some parents want it and some do not, some feel it is too much and some too little. Sadly, there does not seem to be a consensus. Thus we will keep it as optional (except for Y5/6), we will be making changes to the topic homework though and updating the policy later this term. Any queries regarding homework, please do add a note to the planner. Please do not feel under pressure to complete tasks if you cannot, we understand that every child is different and also value the benefit of out of school rest and relaxation time too.

Uniform

Ties – This option was included, as many other local school's wear ties and it was brought up as a suggestion on recent communications with parents, so we wanted to seek your views.

Sock colour – We realise views are different so have given parents the choice to vote.

Trainers - Are encouraged for PE days and not school uniform days but shoes need to be suitable for the daily mile.

PE Tops – We did look into the option suggested.

Joggers – The suggestion to include green joggers is a good one but we need to keep costs down for parents so if we say black they can be purchased from a range of shops.

Recently bought green joggers can still be worn until they need replacing.

New skirt – A parent mentioned it was expensive, we included it as an option with the price as we thought it may be a concern.

Summer Dresses and Pinafores – To help keep costs to parents to a minimum as well as encourage independent dressing, we are slimming down the variation of uniform.

We do not expect anyone to purchase new uniform until they are replacing items. If you have hand me downs please make use of them, even if they are for new starters. We do not want anyone to spend more money than they need to. Our enthusiastic PTA are really keen to support the selling of uniform on a regular basis which we hope will help as will having a school uniform shop that you can visit in Yeovil, click and collect from Taunton or Wells or order on line for home delivery.

Curriculum

More creative activities as well as outdoor activities for the whole school will be provided as the term develops. Topics such as 'The Three Little Pigs' are things we are looking to develop.

Parents viewing Children's Work

We could not manage the suggestion of posting work on GC regularly but we do plan on having termly 'showing our work' sessions.

Clubs

When possible these will return.

Sports Events

When possible these will return.

Residential

The Y6 summer residential is going ahead.

The Y5/6 summer 2022 residential is going ahead.

Well-being

Emotional and behavioural workshops have not been organised. The class teachers follow the PSHE curriculum, and we have support from Mrs Little as well.

Trip/Swimming Refunds

If things have been paid and never taken up they have been refunded, if there were a few weeks missed they have not been refunded. Any individual queries, please contact the school office.

Communication

We ask families to follow twitter as we notice it gets more reads than any weekly bulletin has ever had and is useful when we need to respond quickly to changes. This has been particularly useful recently. At the end of the week we point out the important documents that have been given out or added to the website and we also update the diary on the front page of the website. A non-regular twitter user could check on a Friday the summary of the week as well as the school diary to ensure they are up to date. Twitter like the website are deliberately open to all as even in closed groups we are aware that families may still share. We therefore have our social media form that parents complete so we can tailor our communication accordingly.

School twitter – daily updates including reference to new documents on the website plus end of week summary.

PTA twitter feed – for the PTA to share details regarding their events.

Class twitter feeds – for class teachers to share messages as well as share their curriculum.

PTA What's App Accounts – These are not organised by the school but kindly by the PTA to share details of PTA events.

Website – Hosts all school documents as well as the diary which can be accessed from the front page of the website. Many entries have hyperlinks to other documents.

Parking and Pick up

A couple of parents have raised the issue of parking difficulties and that the staggering has helped as well as children coming in independently. Whilst we agree, I am not

allowed to change the timings of the school day on a permanent basis, but due to COVID 19 we will be keeping some staggering but altering it slightly so that we do not cut the school day too short. On a morning we plan to continue with the independent dropping off, not just to help with parking but the children have responded really well and it has made a significant difference to the punctual start of the school day.

Some Positive Feedback

- Thanks for putting this survey together and I don't really have strong feelings about any of the proposed changes, but do appreciate being consulted.
- Absolutely loved the 'court case' based on three little pigs.
- My children seem really happy with school so I am happy with how it currently is.
- It will be lovely to be able to see the school running in a slightly more regular way as I have only seen it during the pandemic (which I think the School have handled in a fantastic and very professional way).

Wishes for the future

- Smaller classes
- Better use of the library area
- Return to normal – face to face contact, plays, sports fixtures etc.

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