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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

### Parent Survey Outcomes

Firstly, I would like to say a very warm “welcome back” as we start our new school year this September – and an even bigger welcome to our new families with children joining us for the first time. It has been lovely to see everyone today and we are all very excited about the year ahead.

I am writing to share the outcomes from the Parent Survey that we sent before the Summer holidays. Thank you so much to those that completed the survey and shared their feedback – it has been so helpful in allowing us to evaluate what is working well and how we can further improve.

Below, I will outline the main headlines in terms of what parents suggested were the key strengths of the school and what you would like us to work on to improve. Along with a few actions we already have in mind to start getting to work.

#### Key Strengths:

- 95% of parents said that they would recommend Dane Bank Primary School to other parents.
- 99% of parents felt that their child was happy at school.
- Our staff team were identified as a real strength by almost all respondents – parents shared that they felt that staff were approachable and friendly and that they felt welcome to come and discuss any issues or problems.
- Parents felt that the staff know their children well and really care about the “whole child” with many commenting on the “family feel” in school.
- The vast majority of parents felt that their child/ren were safe in school and that they knew who they could speak to if they needed help or support.

#### This we could improve:

- Communication. Parents felt that there are times where messages and information come through many different channels, or that information comes out too late which can make life difficult – particularly for working parents. Most parents said that they would like more notice of events happening in school.
- Parents feel that there is work to be done to improve the offer of school trips – some classes didn't have a trip last year or that the trips could be a little more exciting.
- Parents would like more information as to the learning progress their children are making.
- Parents felt it would be good if there could be more after school clubs on offer, particularly for the younger children. There was also a desire for us to offer some free clubs.
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### Our proposed actions:

- I am planning to lead a Parent Forum – this will be an opportunity for parents to attend an informal workshop session with myself and other staff to discuss some of the improvements parents wanted us to make. We would like to share our ideas and find the best way forward that would suit our families best – we will discuss issues such as: communication, homework and how best to share pupil learning information. Keep your eyes peeled – more information will follow along with suggested dates. I would absolutely love as many volunteers to come and work with us as possible – I promise there will be tea and cake too!
- At our September INSET day we discussed the issue of school trips and are making a commitment to facilitate at least 2 trips for each class this year – 1 linked to curriculum and 1 which may be a more skills-based event. As always, we appreciate parent support to cover the costs of these and will be mindful of making things as affordable as possible when planning.
- We plan to introduce Class Assemblies in school as a way for parents to find out more about the children's learning. Again, please keep your eyes peeled for dates.
- We are reviewing our After School Clubs for this year and are hoping to reach a larger age range of children attending as well as having some clubs that will be free of charge for parents. This may not be possible in every single half term – but we will aim for a selection over the course of the year. Again, more information will follow.

Thank you so much for your support and the feedback you shared – we are always trying to make our school the best it can be, and if there ever is anything you need, or feel we should work to improve, do let us know. I am also incredibly proud of the strengths identified and have passed on the positive feedback about our staff team directly to them which has given everybody a real positive start to the new year.

My door is always open should you need anything.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Lennon  
Headteacher

