



THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST

Questionnaire special 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our questionnaire special—giving feedback on what parents and carers told us in our online survey that closed just before the summer holiday. Thanks to all **386 of you** who took the time to complete the questionnaire—a new record!

The first thing to note is that parents and carers were overwhelmingly positive about our schools with very few negative responses. It is pleasing to note that 98% of people responded positively to the question 'My children are happy and enjoy being at this school' - up from 92% last year. We are working hard to make our schools better for your children and we know from speaking to many of you that, like us, you are proud of the schools and approve of our work. Central government have kept us busy this year with changes like the new, harder tests for children in Year 2 and Year 6 but please be assured that the 230+ staff at the Trust are working hard to make sure your child fulfils their potential at our schools. We really appreciate your feedback and read every comment in order to improve things still further

What you asked us to improve	What we have done or will do
'Booking systems for clubs are complicated. I find it hard to text to book clubs at 8am in the morning'	Suzanne Christopher has revamped the booking system for clubs and now takes bookings by text on a Saturday morning. This September, at EPS, everyone who wanted a club was given one and info sheets, permission slips and bar codes were all provided to parents and carers by the following Monday morning.
'Children who commute by bikes or scooters to school should have a proper place to leave them'	This was from a parent at Whitehorse Manor. We have added this to our building programme and hope to find a suitable site for this facility this year. As ever though families will have to be responsible for the security of their own bikes.
'Updating parents about what their children are studying in school'	There was a big change to the national curriculum this year and our website http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/curriculum-overview .. has not kept up as well as it might have. We will distribute newsletters for each year group describing what the children are studying in the next couple of weeks and update the website too.

- The single best response on the whole survey was to the question 'I agree with my child wearing school uniform' with 70% of you strongly agreeing;
- In common with previous years there were some mixed feelings about homework. Only 32% of respondents chose 'Strongly agree' in response to the question 'The teachers think about the homework they set and give about the right quantity'. However, only 2.3% strongly disagreed;
- Communication scores were up for the second year running, which is pleasing we're always working on this. **Over 97%** responded positively to this question. The best way to keep up to date is by joining our **Twitter feed—@pegasusacademy**. You will then be tweeted every time a news item is added.
- Lots of parents wrote about the playground experience and we have spent tens of thousands of pounds to try to make play times engaging for your children. Recent projects are:
 - ⇒ New Nursery outdoor learning area at Beulah Infants;
 - ⇒ Canopy for sun protection at Brigstock;
 - ⇒ Monkey bars and other play/fitness equipment at Whitehorse Juniors;
 - ⇒ Segregated space for ball games at Whitehorse Infants

After eight years where school funding has not increased, and being geographically in one of the lowest funded London boroughs, it is getting harder and harder to meet everyone's expectations. Every year we have to try to maintain standards with less and less money available. That's why it means a lot to us when we read messages of support on the questionnaire. Many parents congratulated the schools on the work they are doing, with 'very happy' and 'nothing to improve' being popular responses. We appreciate your support and will continue to look for improvements this school year.

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