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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for participating in our Term 4 Parent Voice Survey. We had 146 responses and the feedback that you gave us was extremely informative and has helped us understand what you think is working well in our school and what we can do to improve.

This letter gives you a brief summary of the feedback that we received and the next steps that we are going to take as an academy in response. You will see that there will be more opportunities for you to give us feedback about these actions in Term 5 and 6 so that we can keep working together to ensure that King's Oak continues to support children, families, and the local community well.

Kind regards



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What is going well?

Most families said that they feel that:

Their child is happy, safe and are doing well with us at school.

There are a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs for children to participate in.

We teach a good range of subjects within our curriculum offer (YrR-11) and that there are high expectations for their child.

Children are encouraged to behave well and that their child had not experienced bullying.

They would recommend King's Oak to another parent in the community.

There has also been in an increase in the number of families who feel that King's Oak are giving children with SEND enough support in school to succeed.

What do we need to do to improve?

We received a wide range of feedback about what we could do to improve our school for both parents and children. We have narrowed down what you have said to a) continue our focus from Term 1-4 to **improve our communication** with children and families b) focus on three additional areas to work on and develop in Term 5 and 6. These areas are:

- Academy Estates:**
 - Specifically, Middle School learning/play environment and all-through toilet facilities.*
- Support for Parents/Carers:**
 - Increasing the opportunities for parents/carers to:*
 - Feel more aware and informed about what your child/ren are learning in school.*
 - Be able to access more advice and support information/sessions to help and care for your child as they progress through childhood or adolescence.*
- Enrichment and positive activities (e.g. trips/at school events) for children to be involved and participate in.**

Next Steps:

In line with the 3 areas of improvement listed above, we have designed 5 actions that we will focus on/complete in Term 5 and 6. In Term 6 I will write to you again to give you an update on what we have done so far in relation to these areas and also ask you for more feedback about whether you think that the steps we have taken/actions completed are helping to improve the school in the areas that you suggested in the Term 4 survey.

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1. **Communication:**

To help inform and prepare Middle School families about upcoming events. In a similar style to our Lower School communication, we will also **share a fortnightly news bulletin and termly topic map for the parents of Years 5-8 children**. The first 'new format' Middle School bulletin will be released this week and the Middle School website will be updated in time for the start of Term 5.

2. **Estates:**

Toilets: We are working with our CLF Estates and Projects team to start work on our short and long term refurbishment programme to improve the toilet facilities. We will continue to keep parents and children

3. **Estates:**

Middle School Buildings: We are currently sourcing additional, age appropriate play equipment and structures so that we can enhance the Middle School play facilities. The Middle School and KOA Estates Team are also exploring how we can make the Year 5 and Year 6 teaching space feel warmer, colourful and inviting for all children. We hope that you will start to see these improvements to the environment in Terms 5 and 6.

4. **Support for Parents:**

We have made arrangements for the Triple P Parenting Support Group to return to King's Oak Academy to run another parenting network and support programme. Please also keep your eyes on the King's Oak Facebook page and School bulletin's where we will keep sharing support network information for groups that also work in the local area.

5. **Support for Parents:**

Academic Information Sessions for Parents: We are increasing the number of parent information sessions (e.g. EYFS/SATS/GCSE information evenings) to help families know and understand what to expect for their child and their learning at different points during the year.

Diary Date Reminders:

The Year 6 SATS Parent Information evening is on 29 March and the Year 11 GCSE Parent Information evening is on 18 April 2023.

6. **Enrichment / Positive Activities for Children**

We are now mapping and planning to ensure that all children access at least 3 either on-site or off-site wider curriculum days each year. The next all-through wider curriculum/enrichment activities that your child will be participating in are:

Week Beginning 27 March: Enterprise Week

Friday 5 May: British Values awareness and celebrations for the King's Coronation.

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