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Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am writing to thank you for returning our most recent survey and for the tremendous amount of positive comments received. Due to our RE inspection there has been a delay in getting these results to you, however, we had an incredible response receiving 158 replies which gives us a fabulous insight. The annual survey always helps inform the school of how we are doing and what we need to change or do better. As always, all of your responses are read and actions taken as necessary. The Governing body continue to ensure your children receive an excellent education at St Michael's and we thank you for your continued support of the staff and the school.

We understand that the key to success is a healthy, open and constructive partnership between home and school and we are fully committed to making sure that this partnership is further built upon over the coming months and years.

Please see below a summary of the results and overleaf some of the suggestions made.

Mr M Volynchook - Chair of Governors

- 100% of parents agree that the school communicates well with families.
- 100% of parents agree that staff are positive role models for the children
- 98% of parents strongly agree/agree their child/children are happy at St Michael's
- 98% of parents strongly agree/agree their child/children feel safe at St Michael's
- 97% of parents strongly agree/agree there is a good standard of behaviour at St Michael's

**A Selection of Parent Comments answering the question -
'What do you think we do well'**

'Our school is just the best. All teachers are amazing and approachable. I have never had any concerns since my child has been here'	'The warm sense of community that you provide. Initiatives like the pool, bus etc. really inspire the children. The constantly improving environment -fabulous library, play areas, therapeutic classroom make the school unique'
'I think the school does really well encouraging children to learn both in school and at home. School assemblies are fantastic too'	'I think the teachers are great with the kids, I like how they care for the children and have a bond'
'Take time to get to know each individual child and help them to reach their full potential	'My child can't wait to get to school in the morning'
'Knowing children on a personal level and having their best interests at heart'	Communication is always clear and dates for upcoming events given in timely manner.
"Everything - you all go above and beyond. I couldn't wish for a better school to support my child'.	'My children enjoy school and have a great relationship with their teachers as do parents. St Michael's is a caring nurturing safe school'

Parent Suggestions

Suggestion	Action
More after school clubs for children not into sport	We will continue to offer a variety of after school extra-curricular activities throughout the year including sports and clubs for writers, reading, art and crafts
Golden Tie winner assemblies could be filmed for working parents.	Unfortunately, due to safeguarding reasons we are unable to video assemblies without the permissions of all parents/carers
I would like to know more about my child's year planner.	We continue to try to get dates of events out to parents as early as possible and will continue to see how we can improve this.
Bring back Forest School	Forest School will be returning in January for some year groups and we will look to roll it out across all year groups
Provide a Dojo App	We are presently trialling this in Reception
More class activities that include family members	We are providing more pupil: parents activities in school than we ever have but will consider this moving forward.