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Dear Parents

PARENT SURVEY 2008

You will recall a few weeks ago receiving a Parent Questionnaire to help us identify school strengths and areas for improvement in the future development of Beech Green. On the reverse of this letter is a summary table of the outcomes, which overall presents a very positive parental view of the education their children are receiving.

The two least favourable responses related to extra-curricular clubs and behaviour management -

Behaviour management: We know from comments that many of the parents expressing dissatisfaction about this are concerned about the way individuals with challenging behaviour are treated, rather than about overall standards of behaviour within the school. We take your views seriously, and agree that this is an extremely important issue affecting the progress of our children and their enjoyment of school. As a result we will be making behaviour management a priority in the coming academic year.

Out-of-school activities and clubs: Given the heavy workload already on teachers to plan, mark work and attend meetings, together with the fact that there is no requirement on teachers to run such activities, we feel that we currently offer our older children a good selection of clubs from which to choose. We recognise that this is not the case for our Infants, but hold the view that at the end of a long day at school they are ready for a rest! We will send out a summary of extra-curricular clubs to provide you with an overview of existing provision in this area.

Of those returns with comments added, many celebrated the commitment and hard work of the staff, the involvement of parents in their children's education and the school's positive learning ethos. Of the main three areas identified as needing improvement, two related to afterschool clubs and behaviour, the third concerned playground developments, including some form of parent shelter. We will give this serious consideration and build it into our Premises development plan.

We also take note of the high number of parents who don't know whether we take account of parents' and children's views. We will explore ways of giving you more information about this, of which this letter is hopefully a start.

May I thank those of you who spent the time completing the questionnaire, and for both the very encouraging comments and the positive points for development that you made. It is gratifying to see so many parents expressing appreciation of the hard work of the staff and full satisfaction with the current standards of care and education for your children. We will remain dedicated to further improving the quality of school experience we are offering your children.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely
C.R.Stott, Headteacher