

7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank all those parents and carers who recently contributed to our Parent Survey. The high response rate reflects the engaged and supportive parent body that we are lucky to have and as we are a school that continually strives to improve, your feedback is essential to that. I thought I'd let you know about some of the key findings.

### Feedback from our Parent Survey

#### Happy and safe...

We were really pleased to find that the overwhelming majority of pupils feel happy and safe at our school. This is very important to us and it's why we have focussed on pupil wellbeing and mental health since returning to school. Visitors to our school often comment on the happy, warm atmosphere and we want that to continue and grow.

#### Learning well...

The survey showed that parents feel their children do well at our school and that we set high expectations for each pupil. It was clear that the breadth of our curriculum and range of extra-curricular activities are really appreciated by parents. As a school, our ethos has always been to maintain the range of curriculum subject and offer pupils as many enrichment opportunities as we can because we believe that is a strength of the middle school system. We do not narrow our curriculum or reduce our offer to cater to the SATs. Of course, we will help pupils prepare for assessments, but not at the detriment of providing pupils with a full, rich education.

#### Working together...

No school should ever claim that they have no bullying and we are certainly not complacent about it, but we were pleased that the majority of parents felt that we dealt with these issues appropriately when they arose. A strong relationship between school and home is vital to help pupils get the most out of their school life so we will always be ready to listen to and discuss with parents. I would ask you not to hesitate to contact school if you feel there is an issue – a constructive conversation can go a long way to finding solutions.

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## Feeling informed...

The feedback from the survey suggested that parents and carers would like to know more about what their child is learning during the year, how they are doing and how we are catching up after lockdown. Our full curriculum is available on our website but I'm sure there is more we can do to involve parents in their children's learning, especially as we may be able to hold more parent workshops and invite parents back into school in the near future. We hope that as we move through interim reports, parents' evenings and then full reports in the Summer Term, you will feel you know more about how your child is doing, but we will continue to evaluate this and perhaps seek further feedback from parents to help us move this forward.

## Daily updates...

We are pleased that nearly all parents are engaging with Go4Schools and find it useful for knowing how their child is doing in school on a daily basis. As it contains important information about your child's behaviour, attendance and homework, as well as reports, it is well worth taking the time to become familiar with this platform. Pupils' latest reports were available on the desktop version of the site from 18<sup>th</sup> February so please do make sure that you check these out.

## Recovering from COVID

Across our school, we have been working hard to help pupils cope with and recover from the impact of COVID - 'Catch-up' at Codsall Middle School is about the **whole child**. We know pupils need to catch-up academically, and that will always be a focus, but we understand that children also need support as rounded individuals.

Please follow [this link](#) to see an overview of what we have been doing at CMS to help pupils recover from the impact of COVID; as you will see, it is much broader than just academic support. This document is far from exhaustive, but I hope it will give you a flavour of what we are doing.

Thank you again for your feedback, and for your support. If there is anything you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you all stay healthy and well,

Yours sincerely



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Head of School