



Thursday 21st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Annual Parent Carer Survey – 2023/2024

I hope this finds you well. As is usual at this time of year, I write to ask that parents and carers take the time to complete our Annual Parent Carer Survey which can be found [here](#).

Your views and ideas are really valued and are accounted for when we evaluate our strengths and consider areas for further improvement. We send this survey out in the Spring Term, and not at the end of the year, because we allow time to really digest the responses in readiness for the new academic year when we have new priorities for school development, including a child friendly plan which is driven by our School Council.

Although graded as Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted last July, we are not a school that 'sits still'. As stated in my letter of 14th September 2023, the staff and I remain determined to be the best that we can be, to work with our community, continually reflecting on what we do to realise our vision of every child thriving every day.

Feedback from our last survey has been taken on board. Some examples of specific improvements we have made are:

- More flexibility for parents to book Hedgerows – three separate sessions which better suit other activities children partake in and parents' work patterns.
- Changes to homework – the introduction of My Maths and Spelling Shed.
- An increased focus on how parents can better support their child(ren)'s online safety - #WakeupWednesday newsletters sent out weekly as well as the provision of parent information sessions twice a year.
- Further support for parents with children's behaviour – Parent Gym and a parent information session.
- More information about our curriculum - the detail provided on the curriculum pages on our website, in particular, the sharing of Knowledge Organisers.



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- Continued sharing of the strategic work undertaken by leaders – Leadership Lines newsletter has been further developed.

Of course, there are so many other initiatives, resources and activities this year, not least our wonderful trim-trail and more murals, as well as continued developments to our curriculum.

Last year 196 responses were received so we really appreciate it if more families engaged with this important aspect of our work. The survey is open until midnight on Saturday 20th April 2024.

Finally, we would love for more parents to follow our [Instagram page](#) – this is a super way to gain a greater insight into life at Barrow Hedges.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher