

Questionnaire Feedback July 2021

Thank you so much everybody for the high number of questionnaires I received. Overwhelmingly the questionnaires are **incredibly supportive and positive** with most parents whole heartedly supporting what we do and ticking all the positive boxes. See below all of the lovely 'what is the school doing well' comments, please join us in soaking up all of this positivity. Below that you will find a summary of the comments where you would like us to listen to your parent voice.

'What is the school doing well?'

Nursery: COVID was new for everyone and **school have been brilliant**...There has been plenty of home learning to keep children busy during school closures...School provided the means to stay connected during periods of closure...**Concerns are listened to and dealt with, my son is safe at school...My boy is full of life**, he loves school and his teachers...**I know that my son is cared for**, he has settled well...My son has come on so well with behaviour and his work...**I think the school reports are fab**...The school is managed how a school should be managed and that is why I love this school...The school office have always been **very helpful and kind to us**...You can see how hard the site team work...I found virtual meetings useful...**I believe you are doing extremely well**, especially under COVID circumstances...I love being able to see my child's progress through Tapestry...My son has **made huge progress this year**, thank you for your support...

Reception: Forest school would be a very good opportunity for children to learn life skills. A lot of other schools are offering this...The school is good at issuing communication about what is going on throughout school via the newsletter... **Staff are attentive to children's needs and really know the children well**...School promote the importance of looking after the environment and how children can be involved...I can't fault the school at all, they have dealt with COVID perfectly with good communication throughout...**The pop-up office is very useful...The queuing system for handover is better...My son loves school and his teachers...At all times I know my son is safe and any issues are dealt with**...My son has settled in brilliantly, made friends straight away and loves his teachers...**I am very proud of him and what he has achieved**...I couldn't fault my son's report, such kind words...**The school is most definitely well led and managed**...The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher dealt with my issue professionally...**The school office are very friendly and helpful...The school site is spotless**...My child loves the eCollins books...**We are always well informed and updated...The weekly newsletter is fantastic**...Everything you need to know is available via the school website...**Forest school is a fantastic idea, my son loves the outdoors**...Every school should have a TMKC...Thank you for such detailed reports...**Mrs Porter has been brilliant, thank you**...The school site is beautiful...I am very satisfied with the school, reminder emails are great...**Eco initiative is brilliant**, I am happy to support...School keep parents informed about school life...The school site is very clean...**The staff are happy and always welcoming, there is an all round happy atmosphere**...I am happy with all aspects of school life and my daughter's education...I am impressed with how quick teachers pulled together home learning...It has been a tough year but **well done to Miss Day and Miss Evans**...Virtual meetings offer flexibility...I feel the school is good at developing children, I am happy with my daughter's progress since September 2020... I like the wide range of topics covered...We read all the time at home...**Mrs Porter has been really great**...My child loves school and **his confidence has grown**. Teachers encourage him and praise good behaviour, he has settled in very easily...The school has always been a good school, keep up the good work...**I absolutely love Tapestry**...The school website and newsletter are both great...TMKC is always handy...**School care well for my son including socially, mentally and academically**...School keep parents up to date...I love Tapestry, I can see progress on a daily basis, keep this up please!...**Thank you for all you do for my son**...I think the use of Tapestry was a brilliant way to support home learning...**Temple Meadow is a very good school, one of the best**...My son is comfortable and achieves so much...Parents are always well informed...I don't think there is anything that school is not already doing well...**I would love to thank all of the Early Years teachers for the support given to my daughter**...The support and activities provided has meant that my daughter can verbalise her thoughts and socialise with other children. Massive thank you to all...

Year 1: TMKC are a fantastic asset...**The school has done an exceptional job during such a difficult time...My daughter has really enjoyed having Miss Mears as a teacher**...Behaviour issues are dealt with very well...Children are encouraged to be confident and take part...**My son loves the behaviour rocket and sticker rewards**...My son was helped to settle in very quickly...**Forest school would be great, more home grown fruit/veg**...Management of COVID has been really good...**The teaching staff are lovely, our children love coming to school...Remote learning when required has been excellent...The pop-up office is good idea...All teachers from Nursery to Year 1 have been outstanding**...

Year 2: Mrs Porter has been a great support...**The school help pupils to develop a keen interest in learning**, my son is eager to go to school...**We have felt very welcome since joining Temple Meadow**...The forest school sounds like a great idea...My child enjoys school meals...**Home learning was organised very well**, although we found Microsoft Teams challenging at times...Communication has

been great with emails and the newsletter... It was great to see that despite COVID events like Sport's Day still took place...**Praise is due for trying to keep some normality and routine within school despite COVID...**Forest school is a good idea, maybe some sort of bush craft/tree recognition...I think all aspects of COVID have been dealt with greatly and with minimal disruption to the children...

Year 3: **My daughter has come on leaps and bounds...Pastoral are a true blessing in supporting my family...Teaching is made fun...Star of the week and kindness leaves work well...The site is always clean...Teaching staff have been brilliant, especially during COVID and delivering remote learning...My son always starts and leaves school happy...TMKC is brilliant...Our children love coming to school...School were brilliant issuing school devices to use for remote learning...**

Year 4: **Queuing at handover has worked brilliantly and it should continue post COVID... I think you have handled changes caused by COVID brilliantly...School is very good in helping pupils with everyday learning and supporting them throughout the pandemic...Thank you for allowing me to continue to work as a keyworker during the pandemic...Communication has been excellent...My child enjoys school very much...My daughter had a super report...This year has been challenging for us all, I think the school have worked amazingly to keep as many children in school as possible and to keep the home learning as interesting as possible...The school is proactive and is a wonderful place to learn...I have no complaints, thank you for all that you do...My daughter has only been at TM for a few months but we are very impressed with the way you have organised the school during COVID restrictions...Handover seems to work very well...The queuing system is excellent...My daughter loves school again, she has settled in extremely well and I would like to thank all staff for making her feel so welcome...The school is managed brilliantly, children seem very well cared for...My daughter was supported to settle in and as a result she found moving school a pleasant experience...The school site is very clean and well presented...The school has an excellent website with useful information and activities...My daughter says that she enjoys her lessons and that everyone is very friendly...The school offers a very safe environment and I am happy dropping my daughter off every day...Communication is excellent...The concern and interest shown to individual pupil needs is excellent...We are so glad we moved school...The school have done a great job all things considering...Once my son is at school he loves it...Great report, I am very proud...I think school clubs are great...Learning 4 Life is a great idea, I would be happy to get involved...My son loves that the school is Eco friendly...Teachers are fantastic with my son...My son really enjoyed after school sports club...School are doing everything very well...TMKC are fantastic...School provide children with a good education...**

Year 5: - **Information is sent to parents quickly regarding bubble closures throughout school...School went straight into interventions to get my daughter back on track after the school closure...Another upside-down school year full of difficulties but TM faced these head on. Thank you to all the staff... Miss Jones has been fantastic with my daughter... The pastoral team have been a great support...Office staff are excellent...Site staff are brilliant, school always appears well maintained...I can't fault the teaching staff at all...I am very proud of TM for how you have handled COVID, very few bubble closures too...Although remote learning is not ideal, the staff were engaging and supportive... The new Reception induction for my younger son has been very informative...Forest school works so well and I am very excited for my youngest son to experience this...TMKC is a huge asset, they not only provide a safe place but also offer emotional support and guidance – I would be lost without them...I think you have all been amazing this past year...Thank you and congratulations on providing a safe and encouraging learning environment for my son during a very difficult year, you guys are all awesome...Virtual workshops work better as they can be accessed from anywhere...School have maintained as much normality as possible...School keep parents informed well via the weekly newsletter...School have been quick to respond and act accordingly to cases of COVID...My son loves school, he loves to learn and teachers really push him...What a great school, my son has always loved school and really loves to learn. He gets on well with teachers and his friends, he is looking forward to Year 6...Pupils learn and have fun...The use of Microsoft Teams has been excellent to support home learning during school closure periods...When talking to parents from other schools they were impressed by the home learning offered at TM...I thought it was really good how interventions were put into place to support each child...I just have to thank you for all of the work and dedication from school. My son has certainly had a wonderful growth in his learning. He loves school, his teachers and his friends...When our children are happy, we are happy too...I would love staff to know that me and my son appreciate their support and value their continued hard work...**

Year 6: **My child enjoys school very much...I just want to tell you that I am very pleased with all TM staff and my children are very happy attending this school. I thank you very much for everything you have done... The Pastoral team are amazing... Mr Malcolm has been my daughter's teacher in Year 5 and 6 and he has been outstanding. I am really pleased that my younger daughter will be having him in Year 5... Despite COVID restrictions the leavers celebrations offered to Year 6 have been great...My child is doing well in all aspects of school life...We are pleased with my child's progress...The school site is always beautiful, clean and tidy...Great communication with priority parent...Focus on Eco, Healthy Eating, Puberty session – all very well rounded... ..**

Questionnaire Feedback July 2021 – focus on things you’d like us to review

Reading...A few of you mentioned that you are looking forward to having a physical reading book	<i>Yes, this will be re-introduced in September.</i>
Attendance letters – all letters should be sent on an individual basis, looking at each child’s reason for absence	<i>We are currently reviewing this.</i>
Learning... Very high expectations in Reception	<i>We can’t apologise for this although we do make sure every child is supported so they can be the best they can be.</i>
Home learning... sometimes requires too many resources which can at times be difficult to obtain.	<i>We will have a think about how we can help with resourcing.</i>
‘Red book homework’... Some of you comment that you don’t like this, very time consuming for working parents	<i>The Assistant Headteachers for each phase will review this.</i>
Most of you loved the pop-up office ... one or two said that it should be situated in a more open space	<i>We love it too! It will have a new location in September - On the Infant playground.</i>
The majority of you love the Microsoft Teams virtual meetings... a few of you said that you prefer face to face meetings	<i>We will ensure that we have a sensible balance as you can’t beat face to face.</i>
School dinners... not a good enough selection of food offered and wanting a healthier option	<i>We collate all of these comments and meet with our catering provider (SIPS catering) to share your parent view. Some changes are coming, e.g. Jacket Potato option in the Autumn term.</i>
School dinners... Having meals boxed up with everything already in can be off putting i.e. my child doesn’t like beans	
School dinners... One or two of you mention that portions are small	
Communication... an overwhelming number of you praised the clear communication from school, somebody suggested...a communication app for parents to download	<i>School comms does have an app called school gateway which can be downloaded. However, we are launching a new communication tool with website which is likely to go live in January 2022.</i>
Communication... Is only sent to the priority parent	<i>Please speak to the School Office if you would like correspondence to be sent electronically to a second contact.</i>
Website... One of you suggested adding more of the children’s ideas to the website	<i>We are in the progress of redesigning our website with a launch planned in January 2022. There will be much more pupil voice on the new website.</i>
Healthy Eating/ Healthy Living...	<i>This is most definitely an area we intend to work on in the next academic year. Building on our ECO work we do want to grow, harvest and cook some of our produce. We want to really review healthy eating across the school from lunchbox choices, tuck, fruit in school, milk in school (possibly non-dairy options) and our whole school culture around reducing sugar and sweets. We are aiming to meet the obesity challenge head on, as this is fundamental to being fit for life.</i>
Some of you requested...More activities aimed at Fathers	<i>We would love to do this but will need to host either a Teams meeting or coffee morning to get our Father’s voice heard.</i>
Social distancing...is not adhered to outside of the school gates	<i>We will have to review what the guidance is ahead of September and will continue to promote responsible adult behaviour within our community.</i>
Lunchtime... A lot of first aid incidents seem to happen at lunchtime	<i>We do review the first aid books, we look for any patterns linked to any Health and Safety defect on site. We ensure pupils are wearing appropriate footwear to prevent trips and falls. Potentially with bubbles spaces would have been slightly more congested than normal.</i>
Lost uniform...One or two of you comment on lost uniform	<i>Tell me about it! Please, please, please, please label everything. If you label it and we find it we will return it to you. If it is not labelled it is impossible to reunite the item with you!</i>
Handover... Most of you love the handover points, however some Year 5 parents said that the Year 5 handover point is awkward with more than one child to collect and that you feel isolated from the school site	<i>We totally agree, you will see in the newsletter this week that the Year 5 handover point will be alongside Year 6 at the main entrance now that bubbles are not expected in September.</i>
Queuing for handover... The vast majority love the queue system but some comment that not all parents respect this and often jump the queue.	<i>Yes, they work well, we do have a few ideas to support respecting the queues.</i>
After school clubs... Some of you commented on your disappointment at the lack of after school clubs this year.	<i>COVID restrictions and keeping everyone safe of course impacted on clubs and enrichment. Further information regarding clubs will be circulated in the Autumn Term.</i>
Trips... Not enough even before the pandemic	<i>I am afraid I would have to disagree, this was only one parent’s comment. We always arrange trips and visits, supporting our curriculum and well-being needs. We have a really clear system of</i>

	<i>supporting trip costs to balance the financial demands on our families so trips do go ahead but can also be paid in instalments. We are mindful that many of you have children in other year groups and are aware of the financial challenge this may create for families.</i>
Reports... most of you commented on how detailed the reports were. Some mentioned that understanding the grades was difficult	<i>Understanding the grades is difficult and we will plan some workshops to support your understandings. These workshops are likely to be virtual as this would be a good opportunity to share a quick update on what we do.</i>
Bubble closures... Can be frustrating	<i>Tell me about it! Closing Year 4,5,6 and The Hub in the last week of Summer term has been an absolute nightmare.</i>

I hope you have enjoyed reading this clear summary of all the questionnaire feedback. My thanks to Miss Cornfield who has worked extremely hard at a busy end of term on collating all of these responses with me. It is nice to be able to close the term by feeding back all of your responses about this academic year.

Have a lovely summer break, keep safe.

– Ms Walsh (Headteacher)