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Dear Parents/Carers

Parents' Questionnaire Response

Thank you to all of you who responded to the above last term. I would like to apologise for the mix up with regard to asking for an anonymous response and then sending the letters home named – this will be rectified next time. I would now like to feedback on the comments received:

All of you had many positive things to say about the school including the children being in a safe and caring environment, involving children in the local community, behavior and expectations of school uniform. Many felt the staff were approachable and worked hard to ensure the learning for the children was the best possible

The change to the morning routine has gone down well with the doors opening at 8.45 a.m., for the children to head to class. The purpose behind this is also to help to develop children's independence and responsibility in taking charge of their bags, coats etc., to hang on their hooks. There seems to be a little confusion as to whether parents are allowed into the building with their children. Obviously, if you need to leave a message for your child's teacher or make an appointment to see the teacher please come in and talk to the Office staff in the first instance.

Number of trips available to the children ~ I would like to thank FOBRS for their support in subsidising the trips. As you are aware, transport costs and entrance fees continue to increase and without the support of FOBRS and parents we would be very limited in what we could offer.

Communication ~ There was a mixed response to this item, with some positive comments and others suggesting areas to improve. We are aware that communication is an important part of the school and with this in mind we have developed a new website which will allow us to communicate more effectively. The new website (www.bereregis.dorset.sch.uk) can be opened on smartphones, tablets, computers etc., and has a page which allows you to communicate directly to us. Please bear with us as we continue to develop our website, which we hope you will find easy to navigate as well as being informative.

Pre-School ~ Most of you are aware that the pre-school is now part of the school; and we are aware that they have gone through a difficult time recently. We are now moving forward with Mrs Rachael Brown taking the lead role and also welcoming Mrs Anna Bendall to the team. We are confident that the pre-school will thrive in the future and that our current links with the reception class will strengthen.

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Those of you who use 'Breakfast Club' and 'After School Club' commented on the excellent leaders who know the children well. This is an area we are keen to develop and in September we hope to extend the provision to include children for the pre-school.

Reaction to teacher-led after school clubs was mixed, with many positive comments but also areas we can improve on. The staff offer an excellent range of clubs, but I am also aware of the time they need to plan, teach and mark work. With this in mind, the teaching staff have agreed to run a club for 4 out of the 6 half terms during the academic year, starting in September 2016. In the meantime, we have introduced a new weekly football club run by Tim Davies, which has been very successful and I am also exploring lots of options for the future when we have a wider range of resources at the new school (level playing areas and field!)

Finally, I try to be on the playground most mornings and after school, so if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to talk to me. I look forward to working closely with you to make our school the best it can be. There are exciting times ahead, especially with the move to our new building in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Roberts
Head Teacher