



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

'By growing together, we become the best we can be'

Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

Inspection

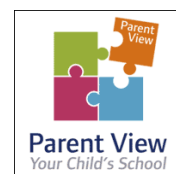
As you were made aware we had an HMI Inspector in school the last two days. His findings are currently confidential and a report of the inspection will not be available until after it has been produced, checked for accuracy, then quality assured. This process can take up to 21 days. Then there will be a summary report available on the school website and a letter from Ofsted sent home to all parents. Therefore I ask you to please be patient, as soon as we have any information it will be shared as stated above.

I would like to thank the few parents who spoke to the inspector for their time and comments.

I can say that he was very impressed with our children, their behaviour and attitude to learning so every pupil received a 'Dojo point' for 'being the best they can be!'

Parent View

I would like to remind you all that this has always been available on the school website.



<https://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk> click on parent info, then scroll down to Parent View and follow the link. You can also find previous questionnaires on the home page and also under parent info.

Change in Weather

With the onset of colder weather, please can we remind you that our children will need to have a warm, waterproof coat at school, as children go out at break and lunchtimes and some learning may take place outside. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

We have included procedures in the event of severe weather later in this newsletter

Tuesday 15th January

Tuesday was the deadline for application to middle schools. If you are a parent of a Year 4 child (Owls) and you have applied for a place at middle school, we would be most grateful if you could inform the school as soon as possible, in order that we are aware of possible numbers in upper KS2 for 2019-2020.

Parental Questionnaire

I would like to thank you if you sent in a response to the parental questionnaire sent with the newsletter of the 30th November and before the 14th December deadline. I would like to confirm the questionnaire is the same as that on Parent View. The results were shared with the HMI inspector and additionally he checked the Parent View site set up for the school. You do not need to wait for an inspection to add a response—you can access Parent View at any time. The Questionnaire response and findings can be found on the next page. Thank you!



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Parent Questionnaire Response.

November 2018 - 14th December 2018



	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school	11 36.6%	16 53.3%	2 6.6%	1 3.3%	
2	My child feels safe at this school	8 26.6%	17 56.6%	4 13.3%		1 3.3%
3	My child is taught well at this school	15 50%	9 30%	2 6.6%	1 3.3%	2 6.6%
4	My child makes good progress at this school	11 36.6%	12 40%	3 10%	1 3.3%	2 6.6%
5	My child is well looked after at this school	10 33.3%	15 50%	3 10%	1 3.3%	1 3.3%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	8 26.6%	15 50%	4 13.3%	2 6.6%	
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	9 30%	6 20%	8 26.6%	4 13.3%	1 3.3%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	7 23.3%	10 33.3%	5 16.6%	4 33.3%	2 6.6%
9	This school is well led and managed	4 13.3%	10 33.3%	4 13.3%	5 16.6%	6 20%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	6 20%	11 36.6%	7 23.3%	1 3.3%	4 13.3%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	7 23.3%	13 43.3%	5 16.6%	4 33.3%	
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	8 26.6%	7 23.3%	5 16.6%	3 10%	6 20%



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SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

I felt that it would be a good time to remind you of the procedure for severe winter weather!

The school will always endeavour to open in poor weather conditions. In the event of really severe conditions we will:

- Use our texting service to inform you that the school will be closed
- Ask both Heart FM (96.4 FM) and Radio Suffolk (104.6 FM) to make an announcement. School closures on Heart FM are broadcast after the news on the hour and on the half hour, with details also appearing on their website: <https://www.heart.co.uk/suffolk/>. Radio Suffolk broadcasts can be heard at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour, and their website address is www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk
- Request Suffolk County Council to report the status of the school on a new website they have established for this purpose which can be accessed from their main website or via this link: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>

It is important, however, to realise that such a system is far from foolproof, particularly where conditions are changing swiftly. We will always endeavour to arrange for someone to be at school to receive any children who do arrive, and to ensure that they return home safely.

It has been suggested that parents consider forming themselves into groups of about 5 or 6 people, who are willing to pass on information about school closure with each other. One person would act as the main contact with the school and would let others in the group know what is happening. If you would like to participate in this please give the names of each person in your group to Mrs Kimber in the office.

If really dire conditions develop during the day we will send out a text to advise of our intention to close the school and ask you to collect your child(ren) early. If you are aware you are in an area of poor reception on such a day, please feel free to ring us. If you are concerned about your child's safety when the weather conditions are deteriorating, please come and collect him/her early.

Finally, please remember we will always look after any children left at school for whatever reason, until they are safely collected. (This also applies if you are delayed for any reason at 3.25 pm as long as you can let us know. Don't worry! We always take any "spare" children back into school with us and find them a job to do until someone arrives. It is never a problem.)

Let's hope we don't have to carry out these procedures this winter.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Just a quick note to say, please remember to let us know of any changes to either the people or phone numbers for your child's emergency contacts. This also applies to changes to mobile phone numbers or job extensions. If you would like to check the details we hold for you, you are always welcome to enquire at the office.

The school mobile number is Tel: 07585 153 155.

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January—children return to school

Tuesday 15th January—Application deadline for primary/middle schools

Friday 15th February—Break up

Monday 25th February—children return to school

Wednesday 27th February—Friday 1st March—Year 6 residential trip—more details to follow

Week beginning Monday 4th March—Reports sent home for pupils in Years 1-6 (Reception children reports will follow in July)

Wednesday 13th March—4.00-7.00pm Parents' Evening (post reports)

Friday 5th April—Break up

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April PD Day—staff in school

Wednesday 24th April—children return to school

Monday 13th May—Key Stage 2 SATs

Friday 7th—30th June—Art Exhibition

Wednesday 3rd July—EYFS Reports

July—Key Stage 2 production—to be confirmed

Wednesday 10th—Friday 12th July—End of year reports

Friday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly & BBQ

Monday 22nd July—Move up Monday and Year 6 Transition Day 1—King Edward School only

Tuesday 23rd July—Year 6 Transition Day 2—King Edward School only

Wednesday 24th July—Year 6 Transition Day - 3 King Edward School only

Break up

Some dates are still outstanding and these will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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