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Dear Parent or Carer

I hope this letter finds you well.

Prior to the half term I sent out a survey for you to complete about your views on the school. This was because I am of the firm belief that for your child to be successful in school, we must work in partnership, and a key part of that is in ensuring that your views are listened to and, more importantly, responded to. I wanted to give you some feedback on the responses, and some information that might support you going forward.

The most important responses to the questions posed were around your view of whether your child was safe and happy in the school. In terms of this, 92% of you felt your child was safe in school, 3% of you suggested they were not safe, and the remaining 5% responded with 'don't know'. This statistic shows us that the overwhelming majority of parents and carers do believe their children are safe here. This is hugely encouraging because safeguarding has always been seen as a strength of the school and commented on positively in external reviews, including our most recent safeguarding review from the Trust. However, despite the statistics suggesting this is a strength for us as a school, as Principal, I am still concerned that we have even one of you who feels your child isn't safe. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us so we can offer any support necessary to ensure that these concerns are addressed.

The survey also clearly indicated that the overwhelming majority of you believe that we are demanding more of children in terms of their work and behaviour this year. This is important to me because it shows that the measures we took in introducing the new ATL (attitude to learning) scores, line-up's and other core routines at the outset of the year are having a positive effect on increasing demands on students to work hard, whilst also ensuring high standards of conduct.

The survey also suggested that the vast majority of you felt we supported your child's wider personal development. This is encouraging given the importance of personal development and ensures that our students develop the confidence, resilience and knowledge to keep themselves mentally and physically healthy.

In terms of the questions where it was clear we need to address your concerns, the most significant one was around your awareness of what your child learns in school. The responses suggested that 19% of you felt we didn't provide the necessary information to make you aware of what your child learns in school. With regard to this, I wanted to draw your attention to our curriculum bulletins.

These are short, half termly updates which explain the key topics students at the academy will be learning for each year group and in each subject. Despite us producing these and publishing them on the website I think it is clear we need to do more to ensure you are aware when they are being updated so you can access them. I have provided a website link (below) for you to view these for this half term.

<https://padgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum-bulletins-2>

In terms of your views regarding the ability of your child to take part in clubs and activities, 12% of you suggested that this wasn't the case for your child. I really want to assure you that we can provide something for your child that they can be part of and enjoy. The school has put a comprehensive programme of CAS (creativity, activity, and society) enrichment clubs together that run at lunchtime and after school. We would like to think there is something to cater for everybody and are constantly evolving our offer based on feedback from students. I have posted a link below so that you can see the offer. It would be beneficial if you could have a conversation with your child around the enrichment clubs and support them to attend if it isn't something they have done before. The feedback from students is always positive.

<https://padgateacademy.co.uk/enrichment-cas>

The final question in the survey asked if you would recommend the school to another parent or carer. The responses suggested 92% of you would do so. This, again, is a really encouraging statistic. However, we want this to be 100%. Please do continue to contact us with any concerns you have and let us know if there is anything we can do to offer support to help your child to thrive at the school.

We are committed to striving to do our very best for our children at Padgate and for the community we serve.

Your sincerely



Adam McMillan
Principal