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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all had a good week so far. I have been really impressed this week with our students' resilience and hard work especially as we are nearing the half term break. Our preparations for facilitating the 12-15 vaccination programme are well under way and a special reminder/plea to check the communications that have been sent on behalf of the NHS as well as ensuring that consent forms are completed. Appointment times will be shared with parents and students nearer the time.

A real highlight of the week was our Leading Parent Partnership meeting on Wednesday evening. This was a scheduled event as a follow up to our very recent parent questionnaire that was completed. The responses from our parents are taken very seriously and comments made inform some of our next actions in the school in support of our young people. We had 856 replies to our questionnaire and nearly 200 families joining us virtually for the meeting. Both of these figures are higher than they have ever been and an amazing testament to the positive relationships that we have built over recent times.

I think it is important to share with you some of the headline responses of the survey and look at how we compare to all schools nationally. Due to the 'uniqueness' of our schools and providing an all through education, I have averaged primary and national figures for both primary and secondary so it is easier for you to compare.

The questions were based around statements and provided you all the chance to agree or disagree. Some headline responses are as follows:

- *'My child is happy at Preston Manor School'* and 93.8% of parents agreed with this statement. Nationally, 89% of parents agreed with this.
- *'My child feels safe at Preston Manor School'*. 93.9% of parents agreed with this compared to a national average of 91%.
- *'Preston Manor School makes sure its pupils are well behaved'*. 91.5% of parents agreed with this compared to a national average of 84.5%.
- *'Any concerns I have raised with the school have been dealt with effectively'*. 84.5% of our parents agreed with this, whereas nationally, the figure in agreement was 55%.
- *'Preston Manor School has high expectations of my child'*. Nationally the figure was 84.5% in agreement whereas 91.6% of our parents agreed with this.
- *'Preston Manor School' supports my child's wider personal development'*. 89.2% of our parents were in agreement with this statement compared to a national figure of 79%.
- The final statement in our survey was *'I would recommend Preston Manor School to another parent'*. 89.1% of our parents agreed with this compared to a national figure of 85.5%





I am sure you would all agree that these responses are a fantastic endorsement of the work that we all do together for your son/daughter. It certainly is a great place to be working from where our young people feel safe and are happy and working hard with high expectations at the centre of our learning and progress. I know that getting 100% in any parental survey would be nigh on impossible, but what we will be doing moving forward is focussing on any areas that are not yet perfect!

However, it underlines the fact that Preston Manor School is not just simply a 'Good' School, but it is a 'Great' School because we know what we need to do to be even better. Working with you all and working through the challenges together is something that we are all looking forward to - making school memorable, striving for excellence.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Denial
Executive Headteacher