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### Response to Parent Survey

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to all those who responded to our parent survey (33.3%), which was overwhelmingly positive. Where individual parents seem concerned about several aspects of school we will seek to discuss these concerns face to face.

The main issues raised relate to communication and although it was recognised changes have been made, it seems that more could be done. This mostly relates to the use of Evidence Me and the sharing of information and photos regarding events and homework.

This is what some of you said:

*"Would like to know what is being taught in topic work (e.g. who were being discussed as part of Black History Month) as a half-termly knowledge organiser".*

*"More information about current learning would be appreciated."*

*"I feel that there is room for teaching staff to share more regularly with parents learning that happens in and out of the classroom."*

### What we are changing.....

For the summer term we will add more detail to our subject planner that we share with you each term. We will add some more activities about what you can do at home and ensure that you have more detailed information for the areas of the curriculum we are focusing on for our topic. This will come to you in the first week of the half term.

As you are aware we use 'Evidence Me' as our communication platform to share class information. As a school we like this platform and it worked well for us during the Covid-19 lockdowns. Recently with the change of staff we recognise that we have not been using it to its full potential. We now have all the training and permissions in place and staff will begin to put a brief end of week



summary out to parents containing information about what has happened that week in class with a few pictures of children enjoying the different experiences (only children with parental permission to be shown on 'Evidence Me' will be added). This will begin on Friday (17<sup>th</sup> March).

You will also have seen that we are now sharing some photographs and information on Parent Hub each Friday to showcase our week in school. We are also going to add our Celebration Assembly winners to this post from Friday.

We received many lovely and positive comments from the majority of respondents, some of which are below. Thank you for these as they really do make a difference to all the staff in school.

*"Love this school and the staff and all they strive to do to achieve learning and happiness for the kids"*

*"We are so grateful for all the effort and support you have given us."*

*"My child is happy and developing educational skills well".*

*"Holmesdale is such a wonderful, caring and inclusive school with hard working and very caring staff."*

*"So far we are massively impressed by the school, the teaching and support staff, and the leadership."*

*"My child is very happy at this school. As a parent I feel he is achieving everything he should be and I am extremely happy with the school so far."*

*"A lovely friendly warm welcoming school."*

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Lockwood  
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