



# Governors' Update

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## Edition 2

Welcome to the second edition of the JMPS Governors' Update. Through these newsletters we hope to keep you informed about Governor priorities and actions over the school year, how we are performing as a school and to answer any questions put to us by you, our parents.

### Recent Ofsted Visit

The governors would like to thank and congratulate all staff for their hard work during Ofsted that lead to a 'really positive experience' for the school. As suggested in the last Friday Fortnightly, the judgement is confidential until the report is published.

In addition, the staff and governors would like to thank all those parents who completed the Parent View questionnaires on the night prior to the inspection. The sheer number of responses were overwhelming. It was also very useful to the inspectors to have such a high percentage of views about the school from parents.

### The John Moore Primary School Parent Questionnaire

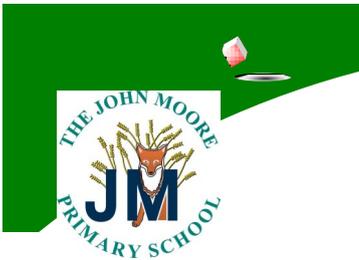
You might remember last term we asked parents to complete a JMPS Parent Questionnaire. This was in addition to the

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Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire and was a tool which allowed us to further explore some of the possible areas for development based on the Parent View responses. At this time we had agreed these areas were; homework, responding effectively to concerns raised, receiving valuable information about your child's progress, and behaviour.

Upon receipt of the questionnaire we promised feedback on your responses. Firstly may we thank all those parents who took their time to complete the questionnaire and share their views. This information was invaluable to staff and governors and was taken extremely seriously and discussed at length. Please find a summary of responses below, along with actions taken by the school in response to these:

**Homework**- Most responses to homework were positive, however some responses suggested that there were some inconsistencies in both the volume and consistency of homework being sent home throughout the school. This is something the senior leadership team are now monitoring. In addition, homework books have been introduced in Key Stage 2.



**Responding effectively to concerns raised-**

Feedback in this area was positive. Where extra information was provided by parents on this issue, each scenario tended to be unique in nature. These scenarios were discussed by Governors and where appropriate we have highlighted areas for development for the future.

**Receiving valuable information**

**about your child's progress** - Most parents found both reports and parents evening valuable and thanked staff. A small number of responses suggested that there were not enough formal opportunities to feedback to parents. This was reviewed by Governors and compared to what is on offer at local schools. At this time, it was decided that opportunities are in line, if not

in excess of, other establishments. JMPS have however introduced an Online Booking System to make it even easier to book an appointment with your child's teacher, at your convenience. May we also remind parents of our 'Open Door Policy'. If you have any concerns about your child's welfare or learning, please do not hesitate to meet with staff to discuss these at any point.

**Behaviour-** Responses reflect that the school has high expectations of children's behaviour and that children generally have clear expectations of what is expected from them. All policies relating to behaviour have been reviewed recently, or are on an upcoming agenda. An extra lunchtime supervisor, since the extra Reception class intake, has also been employed to support at lunchtimes.

**If you have any questions relating to the questionnaire feedback please do not hesitate to contact the Governing Body. Remember that governors are always open to parental feedback including positive communications.**