

30th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Like in all schools, Woodford Valley leaders aim to ensure that the school provides the best education and experience possible for your children.

We all know that there are always challenges of different types to manage, such as rising energy bills, government legislation and changes within our community.

We also want to ensure that our educational and support provision meets the needs of our pupils and prepares them well for the next stage of their education and beyond.

As Governors, we would very much like to hear your views about what you value the most about the school and indeed, how you feel it could improve.

We would very grateful therefore if you could spend a few moments giving us your views. There is a straightforward 'Tick-Box' questionnaire which should only take a few moments. As some of the questions relate to the School Vision and Values, we have put these on the other side of this letter.

There are also 5 questions where we would love you to give your brief views. If you have time to do these as well, it would be very much appreciated.

You are very welcome to add your views on any other aspect of the school as well of course.

The Governors would like you to return your views to us **by Friday 3rd November**, if possible. Please send your responses to the school via your child or to office@woodfordvalley.wilts.sch.uk. There is also a copy of the questionnaire on our website too should you wish to complete it online, please go to Parent Info and Newsletters.

Governors will be meeting to discuss your views the following week and we will provide a summary of our discussions on the website shortly after.

I thank you in advance for your time and your thoughts.

With kind regards

Jacqui Goodall

Chair of Governors



SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

TOWARDS CHRISTIAN LIFE, LEARNING AND LOVE

This school is committed to creating the ethos in which children can grow towards Christian life, learning and love.

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 34-35

Our rich, creative curriculum is the bedrock of our learning community, which is a place where pupils can flourish and discover 'life in all its fullness' (John 10.10)

As an academy we have the freedom to develop our own curriculum, combining national objectives with our own, tailor made, provision. This, combined with our teaching and subject expertise, ensures a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum, preparing our pupils for the future.

'Inside and outside of the classroom, we link skills meaningfully to create a vibrant programme of learning.'

SCHOOL VALUES

The school has 12 values: Peace, Hope, Trust, Justice, Compassion, Thankfulness, Courage, Forgiveness, Creativity, Humility, Friendship and Truthfulness.

The highly distinctive Christian vision and underpinning values drive the actions of the school and have a transforming impact on the lives of pupils and adults.

The very rich and varied curriculum supports the development of pupils exceptionally well, allowing them to grow as socially aware, caring individuals with strong values upon which they are prepared to act.

Tick-Box Survey Please return to school by Friday 3rd November

	ASPECT OF PROVISION	Low Priority / Irrelevant	Important	Very Important	How well is the school achieving this now?			
				•	Red	Amb	Green	?
1	Our curriculum should focus mostly on the core skills of reading, writing and maths.							
2	We should ensure all pupils learn about how to get on with others and to respect their views and opinions.							
3	It is important that all pupils learn the basics of a foreign language at primary school.							
4	Children should have the opportunity to exercise every day.							
5	As they go through the school, we should teach children about the importance of mental health.							
6	The safety of children should always be the first priority.							
7	How do your rate the school's vision and its relevance to your child's education?							
8	How do you rate the school's values and their relevance to your child's education?							
9	Every child should be helped to achieve their potential; to achieve their best rather than just produce good work.							
10	The school should retain its independent status so it can make its own decisions.							
11	Partnerships with other schools are important for mutual support and sharing of ideas and resources.							
12	Support for families in times of financial difficulty should be a high priority for the school							

Further comments / questions to us are welcome:

PTO for Optional Questions

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS (if you have time please!):

1. What do you think makes Woodford Valley School special? What does the school do really well?

2. What do you think we could do even better? What needs to be improved?

3. Do you think Woodford Valley is a safe school? Reasons for your answer would be helpful to us.

4. Thinking about the future, what things should the keep doing? If possible, keep to a maximum of 5.

5. Thinking about the future, what things do you think we should plan for to improve the school and prepare our children for their future?