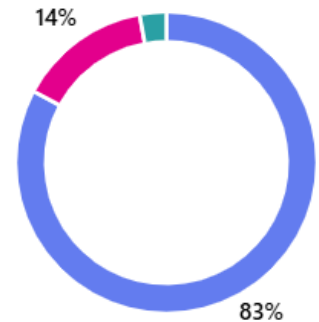


The results of the survey are from the 35 responses received of our 126 families. (28%)

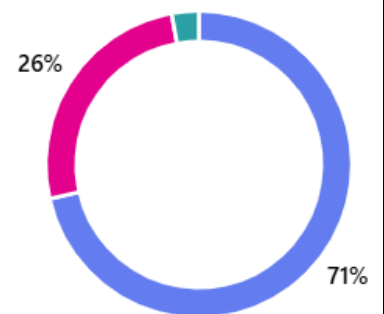
### My child is happy at this school

● Strongly Agree	29
● Agree	5
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	0



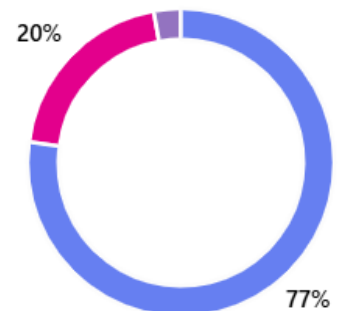
### My child feels safe at this school.

● Strongly agree	25
● Agree	9
● disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	0



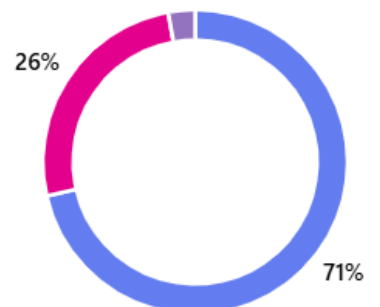
### The school is welcoming and a pleasant place to visit.

● Strongly Agree	27
● Agree	7
● Strongly Disagree	0
● Disagree	1
● Don't know	0



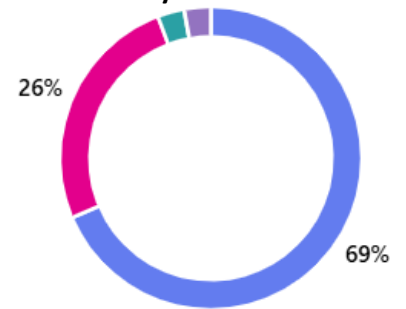
### My child does well at this school.

● Strongly agree	25
● Agree	9
● disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	0



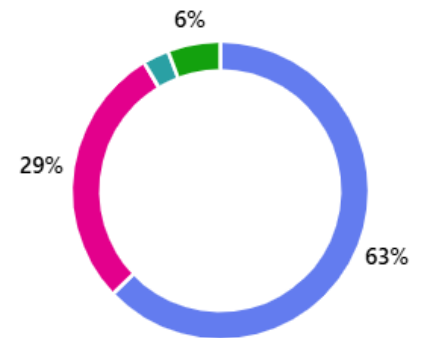
**The school has high expectations for my child - this means that the school believes that my child can do well.**

● Strongly agree	24
● Agree	9
● disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	0



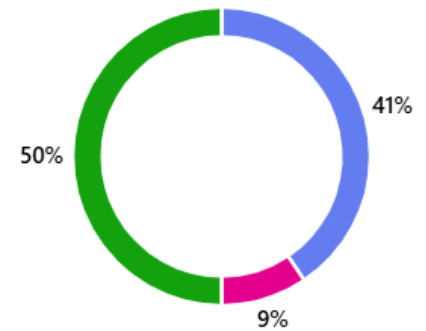
**The school is effective at dealing with any behaviour issues that arise.**

● Strongly agree	22
● Agree	10
● disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	2



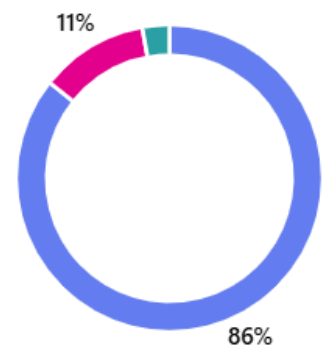
**As far as I'm aware, this school deals effectively with any bullying.  
(Please leave blank or choose 'don't know', if you have no experience or knowledge of this)**

● Strongly agree	13
● Agree	3
● disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	16



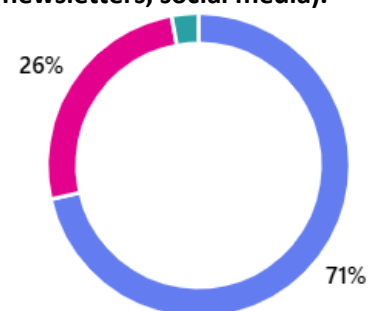
**My child is well looked after at this school.**

● Strongly Agree	30
● Agree	4
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	0



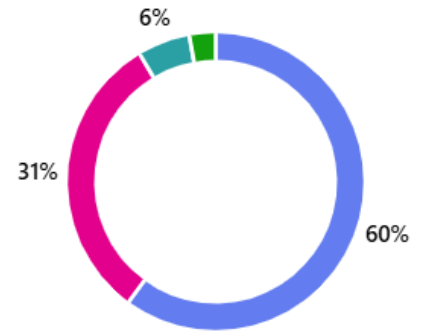
**Generally, the school is good at keeping parents up to date (texts, letters, newsletters, social media).**

● Strongly Agree	25
● Agree	9
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	0



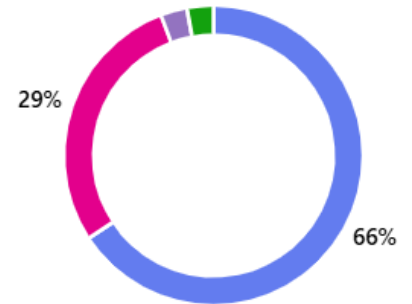
**The school makes me aware of what my child is learning.**

● Strongly Agree	21
● Agree	11
● Disagree	2
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	1



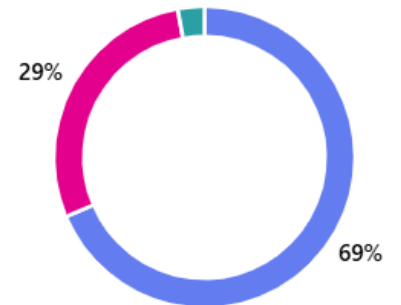
**The school lets me know how my child is getting on and how well they are progressing.**

● Strongly Agree	23
● Agree	10
● Strongly Disagree	0
● Disagree	1
● Don't know	1



**I am happy with the progress my child is making.**

● Strongly Agree	24
● Agree	10
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	0



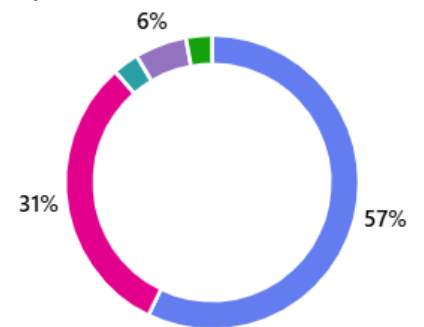
**There are a good range of learning experiences available to my child at this school.**

● Strongly Agree	21
● Agree	13
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	0



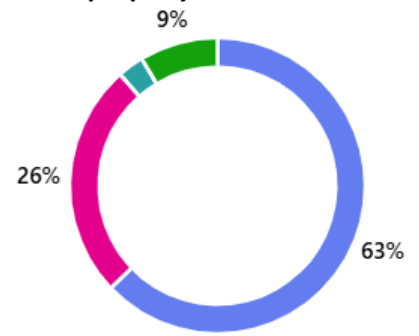
**The school helps me to support my child's learning and development at home.**

● Strongly Agree	20
● Agree	11
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	2
● Don't know	1



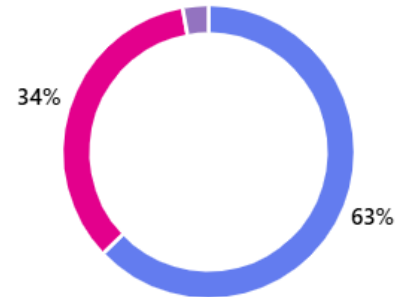
**When I raise concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.**

● Strongly Agree	22
● Agree	9
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	3



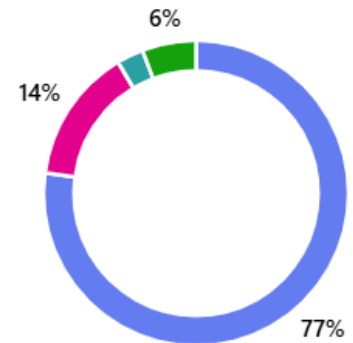
**The school provides lots of opportunities for parents to be involved in school.**

● Strongly Agree	22
● Agree	12
● Strongly Disagree	0
● Disagree	1
● Don't know	0



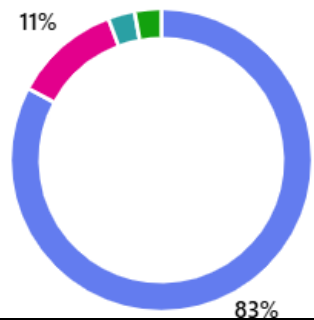
**The school is led and managed effectively by the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team.**

● Strongly Agree	27
● Agree	5
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	2



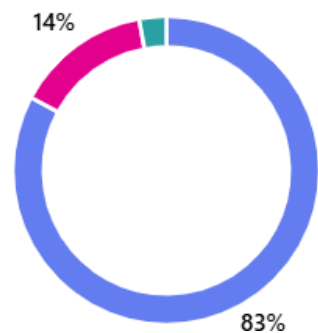
**I would recommend this school to another parent.**

● Strongly Agree	29
● Agree	4
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	1



**Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school.**

● Strongly Agree	29
● Agree	5
● Strongly Disagree	1
● Disagree	0
● Don't know	0



**We held a workshop with Sleep Right this year. If you attended this session, please can you give us some feedback**

- It is brilliant and so nice to hear that you aren't the only one that struggles with their child's sleep.
- It was helpful.
- Didn't attend.
- It gave some ideas to be able to use.
- A lot of good information for parents, I was happy to attend this workshop.
- The workshop was really useful and very informative, you could also ask lots of questions which were answered very well.
- Very much needed and useful tips provided, especially with such a long waiting list, it was great to have the input and advice in the school.
- Did Not Attend

**We would like to host more workshops for parents in the future. What other topics would you find useful to have a workshop on as a parent? Please list your thoughts below.**

- Gestalt
- Arfid, Aac support and toileting
- Strategies for managing children's anxiety.
- Fussy eaters, Behaviour e.g. dealing with tantrums, advocating at hospitals/ making medical decisions.
- More educational learning support strategy workshops, the literacy and creativity ones were really good!
- Speech and Language
- Behaviour support. Such as how to deal with meltdown behaviour or frustration.
- Effective strategies for holidays, managing alone.
- Oral hygiene, teeth brushing techniques for a child who is afraid of brushing.
- Incontinence support, basic sign language adult inclusion, swimming with your child in school,
- Autism support
- Gestalt language
- Challenging behaviour
- AAC device / communication
- Future opportunities for disabled children
- Yes, I want same as for sleep, but if it's possible about how to manage when your child is aggressive with his self.
- Behaviour and how to deal with moments that can be unexpected.
- EHCP

**What suggestions do you have that would help us improve Fairfields further?**

- A survey to be conducted with staff to see if enough people would come forward to run a holiday club for children. Only a few hours a day. Paid for by parents, and any profit after paying fees can go to the school. Another school in Kettering are trying to do the same. It would be life changing for some parents who can't access any care/respite due to high support needs.
- More frequent entries on the Evidence for learning app.
- None
- More staff/ TA's. Always told short staffed/ staff sickness. Air Con. Better communication at end of day pick up. Communication books filled in more often. More pics uploaded on Evidence for Families.
- More educational workshops, more external and extracurricular stuff (swimming, MUSIC!!!!) perhaps also a chance for parents to know who all staff are not just staff in the classes.
- Activities after school or during the school holidays include parents being present.
- Continuous improvement of all your processes and training for staff
- Can't think of anything!
- Swimming pool being more available to all pupils.

- I am a bit confused by the learning app. I used to be able to view my child's progress but either the app has gone or something as I can no longer see, this happened before.
- Swimming would be good, but I know it's hard with number of children.
- Keep doing what you're doing, can't fault anything!
- Keep going, strive for more budgeting, develop more ICT based equipment for the children to use, it's the way forward.
- Nothing to suggest at present.
- More importantly, listen to the parents' thoughts and recommendations and take it seriously as they know their children better.
- Communication can be lacking between teacher to parent. We don't really get a clear idea of what our child is doing on a weekly basis, so we aren't able to carry things on at home. Communication book hasn't been written in for over a month and expected more on Evidence for Learning.
- Swimming opportunities
- Parent sessions to help parents play with our children as our expectations can often be unrealistic.
- Communication regarding what the child's learning within school so it can be mirrored at home to further help the children's progress and provide consistency.
- Invest in air con units instead of a sensory room. So, the school doesn't have to close multiple times throughout the summer Do more fundraising.
- Drop the Covid pick up/drop off from the car park policy.
- I don't know.
- None
- Ensuring enough staff for the swimming pool so that the children entitled to Hydrotherapy can enjoy the sessions.

**In what way would you like to see the school develop over the next 3 years?**

- More years have better access to swimming.
- More day trips for the kids, or experiences outside of school. More access to safer swimming lessons.
- More parental involvement with the PTA and more fundraising led by parents.
- It's a good school now, in 3 years it can only get better.
- More staff to ensure day-to-day running e.g. no swimming due to staff shortages.
- It would be fabulous to see the extracurricular stuff grow, and also, I truly believe one of the most impactful things that could happen would be something like a holiday club, even for a day a week. So many of us struggle in the holidays and there aren't places we can use that we can trust whereas a day a week at Fairfields would be helpful to keep some routine, and also for the family to feel secure as well with who they are with. I honestly think parents wouldn't mind paying for this!!!!
- More Modern learning aids
- For the school to receive the budget it needs to maintain the building that has areas that need improvement. Budget to help with staff shortages.
- I think the school should actively work hard with parents that have split and seek to encourage them to attend meetings or spend days with their child separately, when there may be no contact between two parents. I feel pretty cut off as I do not wish to attend events where my ex-partner may attend and would appreciate the school saying this is for you and your child- that would encourage me not make me avoid it.
- N/a
- Continue as you are. As far as we can see, children are happy, safe and engaged. Our daughter has never been happier!
- Expand in size, bigger classes and classrooms to cater for the increasing demand on SEND support requirements.
- Nothing to suggest at present.
- Better education, more trips for children to discover, swimming pools lessons from young age will be better for children's wellbeing.
- More teacher/parent interaction. Only one parent's evening at the start of the year isn't really enough.

- An option of possible after school club- appreciate this isn't necessarily doable but its very restrictive for parents who work to be at pickup for 2.45.
- Solution to the school avoiding closure for heat/ heating issues.
- Allow more children to be able to access the pool.
- Slightly better communication of children's learning/progress
- Get the swimming pool running efficiently.
- Do more fundraising.
- Invest in Air con with the money fundraised.
- Continue being amazing.
- maybe more swimming lessons
- Swimming, and more trips for children
- Nothing, just keep up the good work that's already being done.

**Have you any further comments about the school...anything else that you'd like to add?**

- Best school I could wish for, for my son.
- We think school is amazing, we believe everyone there is passionate and genuinely love and care for our children. Thank you all so much for your hard work this year. It's never unnoticed. Thank you again and enjoy your summer break.
- Very happy with the school
- Well done, keep up the amazing work
- I am so happy with Fairfield's. It truly is the best of the best and these few suggestions really could make it even more invaluable to the families they support.
- The teachers are doing a fantastic job the head teacher really puts time into the children and the concerns of the parents. The school has plenty of calm areas for children to venture to on their days of doing so.
- Huge thanks and appreciation to each and every staff member within the school who provide an amazing setting for our children with needs, who are given fantastic support and opportunities from being at Fairfield's.
- I am forever grateful my child was accepted at Fairfield's!
- No
- Thank you for welcoming our daughter to Fairfield's. She is the happiest and most confident she has ever been. We couldn't have dreamed that she would progress so quickly. She has come on leaps and bounds and the staff at Fairfield's support her, cheer for her when she achieves and believes in her. We can't thank you enough, you're all incredible. Thank you for being a safe haven for our children, allowing them to flourish and excel, in a world that sometimes feels like it's not designed for them. At Fairfield's they are celebrated and important. Thank you all.
- Keep being awesome to the children who need it most!
- None
- Thanks to all staff who worked really hard and supported my child.
- This school is a wonderful place for my child to be. Its a very caring, nurturing environment and your LSAs are a credit to the school. I don't have any concerns/ worries when I leave my child here everyday.
- There aren't enough thank you's that I can give for everything Fairfield's has done for my son in the first year of his school life. The staff are incredible and Kim from Otters 's and the LSA's are just what our son needed. Once again thank you.
- Look into different ways to fundraise.
- Thank you for caring for my precious boy :)
- Thank you to everyone.
- I think they are just amazing.
- Fairfield's have been a blessing in disguise, they have ensured both our children have developed their skills and have ensured they have the right equipment, space and adult supervision. The leadership from Lesley and Nikki has been amazing alongside Ann-Marie who does an amazing job as school nurse, Kim, Kelly, Ruth, Bev, Bennie, Janice, there are too many staff to name but you all do fantastic work

# In your opinion, what is the best thing about Fairfields School?

## Parent Survey 2025

The way you child can be them self and don't need to keep saying sorry or explaining over and over again

There is so much!

The opportunities they give our children, the encouragement and enrichment.

Everything

Just everything, you guys really are incredible.

The family atmosphere, the genuine caring approach and the non judgemental support for the whole family. I truly believe they genuinely love my child being there and are so excited about his days and achievements and his education and development means as much to them as it does to me. Wouldn't want him anywhere else!

The environmental for children at school, well organised

Everything the school is great and all the staff are great. Everyone puts 100% in everything they do.

Paying close attention to children

Caring staff  
Great facilities  
Good leadership  
Exciting learning opportunities

The way you child can be them self and don't need to keep saying sorry or explaining over and over again

Happy staff, knowledgable about my child.  
Specialist care. Access to pool. Conductive Ed.

All of the above. The children are truly cared for.

The caring of the staff to both pupils and parents

How inclusive they are for all children, they understand each child is different and allows them to progress effectively in their own way ensuring they stay safe at all times

All of the above. The children are truly cared for.

The knowledge it has to help support my child. The staff all show patience, kindness and fairness

Compassion and dedication to the pupils

I feel Fairfields school is a safe and happy place for my son. He is valued there. Staff are highly experienced

Communication about how his day has been

- Approachable staff
- Teachers excel in their learning and the techniques they use to better suit each child not just my own
- Best staff, in happy with everything. My son was first year at school, and I was happy he never cry in morning when I sent him at school. I was sure , he is in best and safe place. thank you everyone
- The staff. Every single person is approachable, caring and happy to be there. It's a feeling you give to all parents when they walk through the door.
- The lovely staff
- Lovely staff, children-led, friendly, good atmosphere, lots of activities for the children
- The head teacher and all staff being so kind and approachable, taking time to get to know each child properly and great communication between staff and parents daily.
- Hard working and very supportive staff. Amount of variety given to the children for learning such as outside play, forest school, riding, sensory activities, school trips etc
- The staff are always so friendly and helpful and genuinely care so deeply for each child
- All the staff are super friendly, make you feel very welcome. I always get great responses through emails or communication book from teachers about my child. If I ever have a problem I know who I can talk to etc.
- Staff are very approachable, Issues are dealt with promptly, Welcoming and friendly environment , Very positive atmosphere. Lots of events for parents to attend
- The staff, their passion and love and understanding of all the children

Fairfields school is a friendly, loving environment. Children and parents are made to feel welcome and important. All staff are engaging and friendly and genuinely care about the children. Staff are approachable and listen, communication is effective. Learning is engaging and there are lots of themed days and sensory experiences for children. We feel welcome as parents, being invited in for Easter, Christmas and sports events. At the Christmas event, we were amazed by the efforts the staff went to Compassion create an exciting and engaging experience for the children, so they were all included. Within the first few months of my child being at Fairfields, we felt so welcome, staff know my child's name and greet her, we had a meeting with the head teacher. All these things put our minds at ease, that we were leaving our child in good hands. We weren't made to feel silly when stating our fears for our daughter starting school. Instead, staff were understanding and kept us in the loop, so we felt involved. We can't thank Fairfields enough, you've changed our daughter's world for the better. She is happy and stimulated and has grown in confidence thanks to the kindness and dedication of the amazing staff. We love the school!

The support and affection shown towards my son through his journey from early years to now leaving in year 6 has been incredible. All staff over the years have been supportive and encouraging towards my son's continued development. It's not a school, it's a community that cares and inspires everyone to shine. All aspects of school life here, whether outdoor learning, conductive education, soft play, swimming, sensory lessons in class have been exceptionally helpful in helping my son learn to help himself.

## Response to Parent Survey Comments

### 1. Childcare & Holiday Clubs

We appreciate that several parents have shown interest in after-school and holiday clubs. At present, we do not receive extra funding to support these activities. Running such clubs falls outside teachers' contracts, and many of our support staff have commitments beyond the school day. This means we currently do not have enough staff to safely and effectively run these clubs, especially when considering the diverse needs of our children, including emotional, medical, and physical support.

### 2. Staffing & Resources

Our school is funded by the local authority, and like many households, we are facing tighter budgets due to rising costs. We prioritise using our budget to maintain staffing levels, but resources are limited, especially when covering staff absences. This sometimes means we have to pause additional activities, such as access to the warm water pool, conductive education, or forest school, to ensure children are safe and supported in class.

The recent summer heatwaves were challenging for everyone. We did our best to support children and staff with portable air conditioning units, but we recognise this was not ideal. We are currently discussing with the Local Authority the possibility of installing air conditioning in all classrooms. This is a complex and costly process, and if approved, would need to be done in phases. In the meantime, we will continue to invest in portable units if needed.

We have also invested some of our pupil premium funding in new technology, including laptops, iPads, assistive technology devices, and a range of software to support our computing curriculum.

### 3. Communication

We are committed to keeping parents informed while also managing teachers' workloads. Teachers are expected to write three comments per week in the home-school book and make one entry per week on the Evidence for Learning APP. We also send out a school newsletter and key stage newsletters at the start of each term, and other important updates are shared via the parent app.

If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and your message will be passed on. Urgent messages will be directed to a member of the leadership team. At the end of the school day, all staff are focused on ensuring a smooth and safe transition for the children, so detailed handovers are not always possible. If you need specific information, please let your class teacher know, or contact the office to arrange a more detailed conversation.

If you need help accessing any of our school apps or the information we share (such as progress or annual review reports), please get in touch, we're happy to help.

There are many ways to stay updated on your child's learning: parents' evenings in October/November, our celebration evening in April, annual reviews, and three key reports sent home each year (mid-point progress, annual review, and annual report). You can also see your child's learning journey on the Evidence for Learning app.

We value working in partnership with parents and welcome your suggestions and feedback. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us, we are always happy to discuss and, where possible, resolve any issues together.

### 4. Curriculum & Activities

We are planning more educational workshops this year, led by Janice, our Senior Family Worker. Our enrichment plan, which runs alongside the curriculum, ensures that educational visits and visitors enhance learning. Each key stage has access to enrichment activities (e.g., forest school, horse riding, water safety). Due to increased pupil numbers, we are unable to expand these activities further at this time.

### 6. Facilities & Policies

Safety and safeguarding are our top priorities. The car park is a particularly busy and potentially hazardous area, so we ask parents to remain in their vehicles at drop-off and pick-up times. The main entrance does not have enough space for parents to wait inside.

We organise several fundraising activities throughout the year but are mindful of not asking too much of families. We are looking for volunteers to help run our PTA, which will help us increase fundraising efforts. If you have connections with local businesses or your workplace offers match funding, please let us know.

### 7. School Meals & Health

We are working with the dietician to explore options for children who require a blended diet via gastrostomy, including the possibility of accessing school dinners. Our reheating and storage policies are guided by health and safety regulations.

### 8. Separated Families

We understand the challenges that can arise when parents are separated. While we cannot duplicate every event so both parents can attend, we are happy to provide separate copies of reports and documents, just let the school office know your current contact details. If you need support arranging for both parents to attend events or to take turns, please contact us and we will do our best to help.