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Dear Parent,

Thank you to those who completed the questionnaires sent out in Spring 2025. There were 6 questionnaires in total covering the following areas:

Safety and Happiness in School,

Mental Health and Wellbeing,

Diversity and Equality,

Special Educational Needs,

School Curriculum,

Learning.

Please find an overview below of how we plan to address the responses received over the next academic year.

Safety and happiness in school:

You said that you felt your children felt happy and safe at South Hykeham school. You believed that the school promotes positive behaviours and the majority of people felt like any issues raised around bullying were dealt with appropriately.

We say that we believe strongly in our ethos and are passionate about the happiness and safety of our pupils. We would like to remind all parents and carers that if you have any issues you would like to raise or inform us of any changes, then please do see your class teacher or email us with any concerns.

Mental Health and Well-Being:

You said the school celebrates pupil's achievements and that children were praised for good work, choices and manners. Most parents felt like their child had at least one member of staff they could talk to.

We say we will now prepare a set of child friendly questions to support our understanding of how the children feel in school. This will give us the opportunity to further our support towards child mental health. Mrs Hillier is



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currently training to be our School Mental Health Lead and Mrs Page is our ELSA support lead. These two roles will further help develop our school as we support children with their mental health and promote positivity around mental health at school.

We will also look at how we celebrate the children. To do this we will refine our use of Dojo Points (our current reward system) and embed the school's ethos through these.

Diversity and Equality

You said the school promotes equality and diversity within school. You feel that children have access to a curriculum that broadens their knowledge of the world. From the responses, you believe that any reports of racism are dealt with efficiently and appropriately.

We say creating a diverse curriculum has been a priority over the last year. We aim to celebrate and teach celebrations/ traditions through lessons as well as assemblies. We aim to ensure a range of books promoting diversity and equality will be available within classrooms and in the library.

Special Educational Needs

You said that you felt you were able to approach school if you had concerns about your child and that you were mostly able to recognise the progress your child makes. Some parents felt that their child's progress was not regularly reviewed through I.E.P. meetings.

We say that this academic year, we will set specific times for I.E.P. meetings to take place, this will be three times over the year. We aim for these to take place with the class teacher and SENDCO where possible. Whilst these are set review dates, any concerns or changes can be discussed with the class teacher or SENDCO as and when needed. We want to work closely with parents to ensure we deliver the best care for our pupils.

Learning:

You said you didn't feel like you were informed of the topics and areas covered in school. You were also not sure where to find curriculum information on the school website. You do believe that your child is taught a range of subjects and that the school has high expectations for your child.

We say that this academic year, we will create termly topic overviews to inform parents of what is being covered in class. Over the next couple of weeks, these will be sent via Parent Mail as well as published on the 'Class Page' section of the school website. All curriculum overviews are available on the school website under the 'Parent Information' tab and then 'Curriculum 25-26'.

Curriculum:

You said that your child appears enthused over the areas taught in school. There was an increase in 'neither agree nor disagree' answers based on the local area knowledge and experiences/trip questions.

We say that our curriculum has been designed to teach children about the local area and wider community. Each unit is planned as a thread so as your child moves through school they build on prior knowledge as we celebrate Lincolnshire farming, Lincoln's contributions to the war as well as study the Peak District. Where possible, we arrange for visitors to speak at school and/or attend trips based on our topics. This year, we already have some visits planned including: Metheringham Airfield, East Kirkby Airfield, Lincoln Castle and



Pizza Express. We also take children on local walks around South Hykeham so we can link learning to the area around us.

If you feel like you are able to offer any knowledge or experiences based on the topics we are learning in school, please do get in touch as we would love to invite you into our classrooms. We are very grateful to parents who have previously given up their time to teach us about areas of their lives. These sessions are always a great hit with the children and they gain lots of knowledge from hearing about real life experiences.

As a school, we have reflected carefully on the results from these questionnaires. We are pleased with the positive response and would like to thank you, as parents, for your continued support as we continue to drive and move our school forward.

We believe strongly in our school community and, as always, encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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