

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Newcomen Primary School**

### **Summary of Family Questionnaire Summer 2017**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

On behalf of the governing body and all staff at Newcomen Primary School, I would like to wish you the warmest welcome back to the new academic year 2017– 2018. I am so looking forward to another year of working together with you, your families and your children - our most precious asset.

Last year was an amazing year for us all and our Family Day, Newcomen Roars, epitomised all that we stand for. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to complete our Family Questionnaire. Please know that each and every response has been read carefully and all comments and suggestions are genuinely valued. 222 questionnaires were returned this year – thank you so much for your time.

Each class teacher reads their own class responses. I personally, read all questionnaires during the summer break and then write a detailed summary which is shared with all staff and the governing body as part of our continued whole school development work and genuine commitment to working together as a school family. As in the last seven years, a copy of this summary is shared with you, our parents and carers.

The two over arching headings in our Family Questionnaire are Pastoral Care and Safeguarding and Teaching and Learning – the core purposes of all schools. The statements used, are those used by Ofsted, in addition to extra questions which I have included for the purpose of our school and working together with our families.

#### **1. Pastoral Care and Safeguarding: 99.6% Agree**

My child is happy at Newcomen Primary School  
My child feels safe at school  
Newcomen provides a safe and welcoming environment  
My child is well looked after at this school  
This schools ensures the pupils are well behaved  
The school deals effectively with bullying  
The school responds well to any concern I raise

#### **2. Teaching and Learning: 99.6% Agree**

My child makes good progress at Newcomen Primary School  
My child is well taught at this school  
I am happy with the standards my child is achieving as an individual  
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress  
The school is well led and managed  
I would recommend this school to another parent

## **Summary of Child's View 2017**

**In the 222 questionnaires returned, 100% of pupils said they feel safe at school and articulated the following responses. (Exact wording of children used throughout.)**

### **Do you feel safe at school? Please explain.**

‘Teachers keep us safe.

We have Lock Down to keep us safe.

Miss Pusztai sends us a message over the intercom because we need to know when it is time for Lock Down or a fire evacuation.

The gates are locked and doors are only opened from the inside.

We have staff that looks after us. The staff and our head teacher keep us safe.

If we fall over, we go to Mrs Lamb.

Yes because the teachers and staff are very protective of us and keep us safe.

We have gated fences and our security is top notch.

We have sprinklers in every classroom to protect us from a fire.

Mr Roberts is always on the look out.

We have CCTV cameras and lots of security.

I know the Lock Down procedures and fire evacuation procedures; external doors can only be opened from the inside, visitors wear badges and have to sign in. We have a worries box.

We have an intercom system where Miss Pusztai can get messages to us immediately. I feel safe because the teachers care.’

### **Everyone learns in different ways. What helps you to learn?**

‘To learn in a quiet manner and have a lovely environment.

Homework projects help me learn.

Our lovely displays and environment.

Reading helps me learn.

The Word Family List, the Magic 20 and our Maths Knowledge Book.

One to one AfL time with my teacher.

Our High Level Vocabulary list.

My wonderful teachers using different methods.

Homework – because I get to spend time with my parents.

Discussing grammar helps me understand.

Studying novels and high level vocabulary.’

**What has been your proudest moment/achievement this year?**

**What is the best thing about Newcomen Primary School?**

**What has been the best part of being in your class this year?**

**What is the best thing about our school?**

‘I was proud when I got 80/80 in our Sponsored Spelling Test.

Getting 100% in spellings three times in a row.

Getting my 10 metres swimming certificate.

Learning the Word Family List (Y1 pupil!).

Being part of the Newcomen Family.

Selling our snowglobes on Family Day because we worked so hard on them.

Our variety of activities on the field including the scatter logs, the MUGA and Caterpillar Corner.

My proudest moment is the audition for Newcomen’s Got Talent.

Being with the Y6s because they have always helped me out (Y5 pupil.)

Getting the highest grammar test score at the beginning of the year.

Being in a class with Y6 because it is our bonus year.

I loved Enterprise!

Our learning is relentless.

Being part of the phenomenal Newcomen Family.

Newcomen Roars was the very best thing.

Learning mental maths.

Learning what I don’t know.

Receiving my 150 times Home Reading Certificate.

Every year we move up, the learning gets harder.

Learning how to draw a cube.

One World Our World because the world is everyone’s work.

The teachers because they are kind.

I love being part of the magnificent Newcomen family.

All our teachers.

We always work our hardest.

Drawing a castle because I didn’t think I could.

I love English because we find lots of HLV.

I am proud of getting 12/12 every week.

Team work and supporting each other.

We are truly phenomenal.

Our peaceful environment.

The teachers work as hard as they can.

Doing AfL because I learn from it.

I am proud of getting the Head Teacher Award.

Everything because we have a wide variety of activities.

The enthusiasm of the children.  
All the teachers keep us safe and we have the best head teacher in the world.  
The quotes on the walls.  
We have Leonardo.  
We have the best education in the world.  
Our school is on You Tube.  
I am really proud of performing in our Rights Respecting assembly.  
I love the Magic 12.  
We have the best teachers. We are an outstanding school.  
My proudest moment was when I got into Newcomen.  
The best thing is we have family days.  
My proudest moment this year was the lesson of the column addition.  
The hot pink walls.  
Everyone tries to help me.  
Christmas Fair is the best!  
The best thing is that we stick together.  
In September, I became part of School Council and I was very proud.  
When we recorded You're the Voice, I was very proud.  
We are a family.  
We are outstandingly phenomenal.  
The best thing, in my opinion, is our humble teachers.  
You keep us safe.  
Our outstanding family day because we have fun with our family and friends at school.  
We are listened to and our rights are met.  
Our family wall in the hall because it makes me feel proud like I am part of the Newcomen Family.  
Working with Apollo Arts.  
Firm friendships and achieving 100% on my spellings.  
Everyone takes care of the school and everyone is treated equally.  
The effort that the staff and head teacher put in.  
My proudest moment was getting awarded my Reading at Home 300 times certificate.  
Feeling part of a family.  
Spending time with great friends because everyone in this school is FAB!  
I am proud of conquering the leap of faith at Marrick Priory and overcoming my fear of heights.  
Our One World Our World globe ... and ice cream.  
Having phenomenally outstanding staff and the Easter egg competition.  
Our outstanding staff that I am grateful to have met.  
Having Leonardo as our mascot.  
Coming to parents' evenings and achieving full marks on my maths test.

The thing I like most is that the knowledgeable staff give us the quality education we deserve.

We all care for each other.

Singing in front of our families at Newcomen Roars.

My proudest moment was getting full marks on my arithmetic test and deepening my education.

The best part of this year was taking part in meaningful debates and discussing Unicef's Global Goals.

My best part was creating the meaningful advent wreath.

My most phenomenal achievement is getting the courage to submerge myself and swim.

I really like reciting the Word Family List.

I've loved every precious moment in the classroom.

One World Our World where we celebrate different religions and cultures.

Outperforming myself in all tests.

My proudest moment was succeeding.

Giving my all on Family Day.

We get pay back for all our hard work with our family days and Newcomen's Got Talent.

My proudest moment was when I was selected for the tag rugby team.

Being chosen to dance on Family Day.

The best part of the year was studying the Butterfly Lion.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the fun and laughter our class has had.

Everything.

The best aspect is that every child can reach for the stars and we never give up.

This school helps me to get an outstanding job in my adulthood to change lives.'

### **What would make our school even better?**

'I would love spelling tests twice a week to expand my knowledge.

Sunhats in the school colours.

More science experiments in our work. I love them!

Lego Club for KS1.

We could do a beach clean up.

Open the school on a Sunday.

Can we have KS1 Art Club please?

A school sleep over.

I would love a bug hotel or a hospital for bees that are poorly.

I want a picture of the stars and the universe.

A wishing well.

I would like a vegetable patch.

Although the food is good, it could be better; add sweet potatoes.

Bird watching club and bird feeders in the trees.

In my opinion, I think everything is perfect.  
Nothing could make our school even better because we are outstanding.  
Nothing because our school is perfect how it is.  
A sauna so Mr Jones can relax after a long day (only joking!)  
Have less playtime.  
Have a tuck shop with healthy snacks.  
An extra ten minutes of school each day.  
Please can we have a hamster?  
Make our school bigger for more children.  
More benches and maybe a trampoline.  
More school trips to learn about habitats.  
A friend for Leonardo!  
Our school is always amazing.'

### **Summary of Parent/Carer View**

#### **What you think we do really well. (Exact wording of parents and carers)**

'You motivate and inspire children.  
The children are encouraged to express themselves in many ways.  
Newcomen is clearly a school with a fun learning environment and the passion of the teachers is very evident.  
Excellent school, committed staff with strong leadership from Miss Pusztai.  
Real effort in involving families with school activities.  
I think the school is outstanding. The teachers have very close relationships with the children. This is important to the children.  
Fantastic leadership with amazing teaching staff in which we have full confidence.  
Breakfast Club is so reliable for working parents.  
I am so happy I chose Newcomen for my daughter.  
Pastoral care and teaching are fantastic.  
LOVE LOVE LOVE Newcomen Roars!  
Everything!  
You work together as a school to provide the best for the children.  
Every aspect of learning is met with dedication. Thanks to YOU all.  
Great school. Outstanding staff. I always feel involved with my child's education.  
You give lots of notice of dates and events to enable parents to get time off work.  
Newcomen Roars was fantastic. Well done to all staff and pupils.  
I think everything you do is really excellent. That is why I think Newcomen is the most outstanding school and the best school in Redcar.  
Fantastic culture within the school. Perfect for learning.

Excellent opportunities for young children to go on a residential and spend time away from home which is great for personal development.

I have happy, well-educated, content children. They are encouraged to work to the best of their ability in a way that makes them enjoy school. Happy children = happy parent!

I appreciate the appreciation shown for my child's hard work.

Everything you do is amazing and my daughter loves the school so much.

The teachers are amazing. They help the children to thrive whilst giving help and support.

I love the family values which are an important part of school.

Since my child has become a pupil at Newcomen, her behaviour and attitude have changed completely. Thank you ☺

Making every child feel loved and welcome.

I think you excel at teaching the children right from wrong.

Everything is done really well at Newcomen. Keep up the excellent work. Thank you.

My daughter really enjoys school and I am confident she is getting an excellent education.

I think Newcomen is a brilliant school, very family orientated, which is fab. Breakfast Club is excellent.

Excellent environment for learning with friendly attentive staff.

You work hard as a team and you appreciate and reward the hard work of the children.

The safety of all pupils makes it a happy environment.

Communication is really good. Family day was incredible.

You teach the children to their highest potential and encourage them to always push themselves that little bit extra.

The school overall is a fantastic school and my son loves coming to school.

Home/school communication is excellent.

Aspirations are high (but achievable).

Absolutely fabulous school that puts its pupils at the centre of everything.

Focuses on encouraging the children to succeed and 'want' to succeed and achieve their best potential.

Both my daughters grew with confidence when they came to Newcomen. I am forever grateful.

Newcomen always goes the extra mile to help in any way they can.

Love the new system for dinner money and trips – so much easier.

Thank you to all staff and pupils for an amazing family day.

The teaching standards in the school are above and beyond what I could have ever expected.

Fantastic atmosphere and a wonderful learning environment for the children to learn, make friends and have the perfect start to their education.

The children love the trips you organise. Some children might not get to experience what they do if it wasn't for these trips and activities.

Self-funding. I love that everything goes back into the school to ensure the pupils have great treats such as family days and the Christmas panto. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping my child on track – very grateful for all the hard work.

Treating each child as an individual rather than a number.

Everything 😊

I love the way the school is so family orientated – it is fantastic to be able to be so involved with school life.

Everything! Staff are a credit to the school. This was really apparent at Family Day. It's great that the children see the staff as 'real people'.

I feel my child has made outstanding progress in both her education and confidence.

I think the children are very respectful.

The school is constantly looking at how they can improve and year after year they do. I am proud to say my daughter attends Newcomen Primary School.

I believe the school is excellent. The teachers are welcoming and you can see they love their job. The school is all for the children. I highly recommend the school.

Family Day was excellent, open day was great to see the children's work and the Rock and Roll ball was lovely.

The teachers are lovely and every child is looked after.

My daughter feels honoured to be part of the Newcomen Family and has a sense of belonging.

The children are well taught in a safe, friendly and loving environment.

My child feels like they are part of a family in school and it's like home from home.

I think the teaching at this school is outstanding.

Newcomen gives the children fun and excitement in learning. My child loves this school.

I like the way the staff work alongside parents and not against them.

After my child has been to three different schools, I have to say Newcomen has gone beyond all expectations. The staff really do love and care for the children and put their all into making sure children are achieving their best – outstanding school.

We are very proud to be part of the Newcomen family. The school has a fantastic culture and I believe is very well led by the senior team and governing body. During my time as a parent with children at this school, the improvement has been incredible to witness.

The teachers go the extra mile to help and support each child.

The children are the school's number 1 priority.

I love the school for its level of care and attention to each individual. You keep us in the loop with everything we need to know.

Twitter is fab.

You always encourage children to believe in themselves.

The staff go above and beyond for my child. Everything that can be done is done. I can't thank the school enough.

The school makes everyone feel welcome. The children always seem happy. You can see that the children are the most important priority of the school.

Communication is excellent – weekly news brief and notices around school.

The visibility of the head teacher at events is very good such as the Rock and Roll Ball – Miss Pusztai was there to greet us.

The teachers are always smiling – they are stars :)

The children's behaviour whilst at school is amazing.

The children's positive attitude towards school: Believe Achieve Succeed,

Warm and encouraging environment. The emphasis on believing in yourself and family is fantastic. The family day was a privilege to be part of. Such a great school.

You promote great community spirit.

Leadership and staff and children are the key priority.

The school is always organising very special fun events.

Everything! Pupils receive excellent teaching. The school also creates an environment of respect and nurtures children to become caring, responsible members of the community.

You care for our children.

Newcomen supports and nurtures the whole child in every respect.

I love how my son's books are marked.

I love how diverse the school is. I could go on and on ...

Teachers work really hard with each child and my child always feel safe and secure.

There is a passion and care from the staff and it is clear that the children are at the forefront of all aspects of school life.

Newcomen is fantastic at involving families in school life and communication about events/issues is great.

The school is great at teaching the children about being good citizens and being responsible for their surroundings.

Your kindness, patience and understanding.

Love the Twitter feed. Teaching standards are fantastic.

Trips in Early Years are lovely and I have thoroughly enjoyed attending every one.

Early Years Tea Dance and Rock and Roll ball were fantastic and very special times making memories with our children.

Book Club was a favourite with both children. Well done Mrs Whitehead.

My children love coming to this school.

My child's early year experience has been brilliant and I would not change a single thing.

The school has a lovely warm family feel and the inclusion of parents in all aspects of school life is fantastic.

Everything you do is for the benefit of the children. The teachers are all outstanding and communication between teachers and parents is fantastic. All my children love coming to Newcomen and have the best education possible.

Amazing school with equally amazing teachers.

I am pleased with every aspect of the school, not just in academic subjects but also in values that will help my child in life – being a good valuable member of society with decent values and beliefs.

We enjoy the homework projects that are set and the trips. It makes the children excited to learn.

Newcomen is very well led. Thanks to Miss Pusztai and the wonderful teachers in this school.

I was blown away with the confidence of children at Newcomen Roars. The school gives each child confidence through praise and love. Thank you for caring for my most precious asset as if she was yours. I hope you know how grateful we are.

Fantastic morals and standards which equal those taught at home. Fantastic management striving to be the best and get the very best out of each and every child. Great communication between both school, children and parents instilling brilliant values and morals.'

**What you think we could do to make our school even better:**

'I am a very happy parent knowing my child is receiving the best start. Hopefully the core values he has received at Newcomen will help at secondary school.

Nothing. It's perfect.

All the children are very lucky to attend Newcomen. All the staff should be very proud of themselves for what they are achieving. Well done and thank you for making the school what it is.

Have a year group sports day – not KS1 and KS2.

Nothing. The school is fabulous as it is.

Enforce bans to people who park on double yellow lines and chevrons.

Ask for permission for Avon Road to be one way.

Have a Homework Club.

Crossing guard at the main entrance.

Nothing. The school is outstanding as it is. No changes needed.

To be honest, I can't. It is amazing as it is.

Sometimes the cars everywhere can be a bit of a scary issue.

An extra open afternoon to see the children's work and learning environment.

Keep it up Newcomen!

Put the food menu on the APP.

I honestly don't know how you could make the school better.

Dress up on World Book Day.

More Family Fun nights. Family Bingo night is great! Could we have a family craft night?

More after school clubs for Early Years.

After school guitar lessons and music opportunities for all ages.

Absolutely nothing.

Entrance on Avon Road or a lolly pop man outside of school.

This year could not have gone any better. Thank you.

Honestly, nothing.

Nothing. Keep up all that you are doing.

100% happy with Newcomen Primary School.

Each year I say nothing as it is a great school. Keep on doing what you do best!

Nothing! x

Parent mail for everything please to ensure messages are all received.

The school is doing a fantastic job – I can't fault it.

Could you give consideration to a Y3/4 football team please.

Nothing the school and the staff are fantastic.

Please ensure playgroup continues to run. I'm sure this is the reason why my daughter found starting Nursery easy.

I don't feel the school needs to improve in any area.

I am so happy we decided to put our son into Newcomen. I can't fault it.

More opportunities for working parents to experience the child's learning environment.

Keep up the brilliant work you do for all the children.

I would like to see a carved wooden statue of our mascot Leonardo – he deserves to be seen by everyone as we love him!

Just keep doing what you are doing. The school and the staff are fantastic. Thank you.

Extend and build a secondary school so that the children do not have to leave!'

Thank you again for your comments and responses; we appreciate the time taken to complete the questionnaire. As has been evidenced over the last seven years in our genuine home school partnership, where possible, I can guarantee your suggestions to make our school even better will be taken on board. May I suggest that you keep this summary as a reference point and measure for the end of the year. I will, as always, keep you informed of all actions undertaken.

I cannot stress how appreciated your positive and thoughtful words really are and I thank you for your ongoing support and acknowledgement of all that we do here at Newcomen Primary School. We are here to give your children (our most precious asset) the very best possible start in their education journey.

Warmest wishes

Miss Pusztai, Staff and Governors of Newcomen Primary School

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