

Summary of Family Questionnaire Summer 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

On behalf of the Governing Board and all staff at Newcomen Primary School, I would like to wish you the warmest of welcomes back to the new academic year 2021-2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your genuine and much-appreciated support during the pandemic and over the last 18th months. We all know it has not been an easy time for anyone.

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to complete this year's Family Questionnaire. You know me well and you know I read each and every response carefully; all further comments have been noted and are genuinely valued and taken on board.

296 questionnaires were returned this year (our highest number ever) thank you so much for your time. The staff, our Governors and I have shared the summary of the Family Questionnaire.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your wonderfully supportive comments; we were really humbled by your words of thanks as they mean the world to us just like our children - our most precious asset.

Please take your time to enjoy reading through the exact wording of the children, parents and carers.

Our Governing Board requested we ask the following questions of our families:

- 1. Do you think the school's communication was effective during the pandemic?**
100% of responses agreed.
- 2. Do you think the safeguarding measures initiated by the school were appropriate?**
100% of responses agreed.
- 3. Do you think the school's remote provision via See saw was effective?**
96% of responses agreed (7 responses didn't know and 5 disagreed)

100% of the children said they felt safe in school and were able to articulate why.

Child's View (exact wording used)

What has been your proudest moment this year?

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

'My proudest moment in Y6 is maintaining higher marks in all my tests because it gives me a sense of pride.

My proudest moment in Y6 is achieving 100% in spellings at different times of the year.

Having a humorous teacher who has made learning enjoyable.

Achieving Level 1 and 2 at Bike ability.

Having a supportive and reliable teacher throughout the year.

Achieving good marks on tests; I felt overwhelmed with happiness at how much progress I have made.

Achieving my goal of receiving head teacher award for PE is my proudest moment of the year.

My proudest moment this year has been achieving the Head Teacher award for kindness; this made me feel a deep sense of happiness overwhelm my entire soul.

My proudest moment is receiving Star of the Day on Seesaw.

Achieving 31 out of 31 on test base.

Learning my spellings and scoring 100% every week makes me feel really proud.

The best part of being in my class this year is being in a small group that helped me to focus and become more knowledgeable.

My proudest achievement is reading 200 times at home and expanding my vocabulary.

Having assemblies with Miss Pusztai because she goes over the Head Teacher's Awards.

Receiving a speaking part in the Y6 Leavers' Assembly. It helped to boost my confidence.

Whilst in Y6, my proudest moments are; making new friends easily when joining Newcomen and receiving phenomenal marks in tests.

The best part of being in my class is having a kind and supportive teacher who also makes learning fun.

The best part of being in my class has been making precious memories, which I will cherish forever.

My proudest moment in Y6 is when I read out my School Council application in front of our year group and the members of staff; I was selected as a worthy candidate and became an honoured member of school council.

Getting 100% almost all the time in my spelling tests.

Improving my handwriting and having all the enthusiastic and positive teachers.

My improvement in maths and spellings; I have been getting close to 100% and almost every week I get top marks.

My proudest moment this year was when I received a speaking role in our Christmas performance.

Getting 100% in my spellings almost every week because I want to achieve high marks as I believe knowledge is power.

My proudest moment was getting 48/50 on a reading paper.

When I received a part on School Council because it was my first time applying for this unique service. Moreover, I was proud of myself for showing courage and conquering my fear of public speaking.

On the first day when we came back from Lockdown and everyone was reunited and found out their teachers because it was such a positive and beloved moment for all of us.

Jumping off the highest part of the scatter logs as I have a phobia of heights.

Before bike ability I was very wary whilst riding on the road; I am proud of achieving Level 1 and 2.

My viewpoint on the best part of Class 14 is being taught by an incredible teacher.

Although we were not able to do the SATs test this year, we still completed other tests and I am extremely proud of what I have achieved.

Having fun whilst learning.

Whilst spending several unforgettable years in Newcomen Primary School, this year was my last to try out for School Council and I am so proud I got in!

Probably the art due to my burning passion towards this particular subject.

I like how we revise learning frequently so it goes into your long-term memory.

My proudest moment was being able to understand algebra.

In our Leavers' Assembly, I received a poem to learn by heart and I felt proud that my teachers thought I was capable of learning it.

Succeeding at achieving the vital role of Secretary on School Council, I have made my voice heard.

The best part was doing spellings.

The best was getting 100% in our spellings and our visit from Leonardo.

Reading 50 times at home and getting my certificate.

The best part was learning about Robinson Crusoe.

My proudest moment was getting my Head teacher's Award.

The best part was having a French teacher.

Getting my 250 certificate. I love reading at home and I am proud of myself.

I am proud of my lovely handwriting.

My proudest achievement this year has been my confidence because at the beginning of Y5 I was not as confident as I am now.

During this spectacular academic year, I have given my absolute maximum. At Newcomen, my proudest achievement is my advancement in art and shading

During this academic odyssey of a year, I feel my proudest achievement has been my spelling because I am really good now.

Having practically made it to the climax of my penultimate primary school year, I have deduced my achievement of most pride is how I have blossomed in every subject.

My proudest moment has been getting my pen licence.

Getting my pen because it was a goal I wanted to achieve before Y6.

When the teachers have tried to make the classroom like home because they have made it calm and treat you like mature adults.

Our dedicated teachers never sit down and they always have energy for us.

Although there were many wonderful qualities that were present in this academic adventure, my favourite part is how we are granted intellectual freedom and are treated maturely. I relish this since it allows me to feel more liberated and like I need to attempt everything with a plan to show gratitude.

All classmates are always by my side making me smile.

Achieving my 200 reading certificate. I have shown dedication this year by reading twice a day.

My dedicated teachers – who have helped me achieve my full potential in a benevolent fashion – have taught me to never give up and keep going in hard times.

My proudest moments this year are achieving good spelling results and doing well in maths and learning my times tables.

Getting Star of the Day on Seesaw and learning my maths knowledge so I know it.

My Head teacher awards for writing and individuality.

The best part this year has been the science investigations and maths.

Having two of the best teachers in the world.

My proudest moment was getting Remote Star of the Day for raising £215 for the RSPCA

Having the nicest, kindest teachers and classmates.

My Head teacher award for empathy.

My greatest achievement is consistently getting 100% in spelling tests.

Getting 12/12 on my spellings.

The best thing about our class is we all want to learn.

We have a laugh but learn a lot. We are a team!

Finally achieving 100%.

Our teachers think of us before themselves.

I felt proud when I drew my eye and it turned out to be great.

Everyone is very kind.

What helps you to learn?

I find being in a quiet environment helps me focus so I can move my knowledge from my short-term memory to my long-term memory.

Having one to one with an adult and repeating the work again and again.

A calm and peaceful environment.

Music and meditation.

Repetition helps me to learn.

Repeating things over and over again.

I find it extremely helpful when Miss/Mr Pajak repeat the same method over again; this helps me to understand.

To go over the work as many times as I need until it is in my brain and I won't forget it.

I believe a quiet environment is required to learn well. Furthermore, I think repetition is key when learning as hearing and seeing things again and again forces it into your semantic memory.

I find it easier to see words written down to help me visualise the spellings or information.

A silent classroom and no talking/whispering.

Learning things repeatedly and visual learning with the words written on the board.

By having my own space on a desk with no distractions.

Silence helps me learn because if someone is talking, I can't concentrate.

Personally, I find it easier to learn when there is a background noise; an example of this is calming music.

With an enthusiastic teacher, I engage into the lesson more.

Going over a question after doing it helps me a lot; it would make me comfortable doing it again and again to understand fully.

When we do spellings, writing the word down on paper helps me to see it more clearly. If I am writing a word in my head, I struggle to see it. Furthermore, I believe that working in a silent environment is crucial and helps me concentrate.

As an individual, I believe that revision, verbal learning and reading (which widens your general knowledge) can help to commit knowledge in your long-term memory.

Counting on our number lines.

A calm environment and compassionate teachers.

Silence and doing things step by step. Knowing that I am in a safe environment also helps me to learn as it makes me forget any worries and stay calm.

A serene quiet environment without notably unpleasant behaviour creates a tranquil paradise, – which to a great and wondrous extent we all strive for – allows me to give my most spectacular dedication.

The Magic 20 and homework. I also like a tranquil classroom that has no disruptions.

My teacher includes everyone and has the same expectations for all so no one can opt out.

Having the teacher put examples on the board and having spelling corrections on the board.

Teachers making jokes keeps me happy.

The class being tidy.

Sharing ideas on the board and AfL time.

Total silence and space and a nice temperature.

Things that help me to learn are a thorough explanation, my spelling book and also repetition.

What did you enjoy most when working on Seesaw during remote learning?

Listening to voice messages from the teachers.

The flexible timetable and being able to have breaks.

I thought remote learning was good because if you were unsure of something, the staff would be there to support you.

The ability to ask for support on a question when required like regular learning in school.

I enjoyed the chance to win Star of the Day on Seesaw.

The cooking activities because I found them quite challenging and enjoyable.

I enjoyed getting comments from my teachers and the tasks were enjoyable.

I liked that we could personalise our lessons.

If you needed more time to finish your work, you wouldn't have to rush.

I have enjoyed Seesaw thoroughly as I have extensive one to one interaction with my teachers.

I enjoyed doing the Zoom meetings with Miss Pusztai and the other pupils.

The variety of the lessons; the art and cookery were my favourites.

I was really proud I got Star of the Day twice and talking to my teacher online.

Being able to reply to my teacher and you only had to take a picture and send it so it wasn't a fuss.

Having been in school during the majority of Lockdown because my mum is a key worker, I had help from the teachers in school. I also enjoyed the weekly Zoom meetings with everyone.

I enjoyed it when you send something in, within minutes you would receive a reply and get help when needed.

That everyone who worked with the children, made a vast effort to make the remote learning enjoyable.

My favourite was the art – whether it be the 3D models or drawings.

The standard of work was the same as being in school; how enthusiastic the teachers were using the app.

I enjoyed how there were daily updates about the work and if you ever needed help, the teachers would send a video or message explaining where you went wrong and how you can fix it.

I enjoyed that whilst also being able to continue my education, I could spend more time with my family.

How the teachers were always available to help. In addition, my favourite project was the Hokusai because I could be creative and unique.

The art challenges we were assigned. My artistic abilities aren't the best so whenever I completed a piece, I felt proud of myself.

The amount of effort put in by the teachers to make remote learning happen.

How we could do different pieces of work at different times so we could get organised.

The fact that I could do different assignments at any time throughout the day.

That the adults were so supportive and were helping where possible and would explain things more than once if you didn't understand the first time.

The fact that the feedback from the teacher made it feel as if we were at school.

The feedback from the teachers was amazing and the daily morning letters were really good.

Our teachers would respond to our work within a short amount of time and would give 1 to 1 feedback. I also liked the Star of the Week because it encouraged us to work at our highest standards (as we do all of the time.)

That every day our teachers would post (without fail) to ensure we were not lagging behind when we move up to secondary school.

Star of the Day, two-way communication and it felt like we have never been away.

Feel Good Friday was like a reassurance.

I felt like I was still at school.

During the remote learning, there were a lot of fun activities. Feel Good Friday put a smile on my face and Star of the Day leaves you with a deep sense of satisfaction after achieving it.

I enjoyed making smoothies and the DT challenges the most.

The best thing was reading Jane Eyre and answering the reading comprehension questions.

I enjoyed doing all of my work and then playing and having free time.

Sending PE videos to the teachers and taking pictures of my work.

Being able to message teachers because I find it easier than having to speak out loud.

Riddles and story time.

The videos that the teachers made.

We could talk to our teachers.

Still doing spelling tests.

It was the same but different.

What is the best thing about our school?

The hero wall because it inspires people to be better and as the years pass, other students will look up and be inspired.

The best thing about our school is that the staff are caring and able to enjoy school life.

We have heroes from past and present in Learning Area 4 such as Sir Tom Moore and Sir David Attenborough. They teach people to care about each other.

The education that every child receives.

The education and advice we receive from our fantastic teachers.

The best thing about our school is our Family Day because it is a celebration where we spend time with family members and friends and singing harmoniously; it is the pinnacle of the year.

Our heroes' wall, which represents amazing people who inspire us to follow their examples.

Our school has inspirational quotes and displays right across the whole building. Adults encourage and support me and my peers to do the best we can.

The best thing in Newcomen is being part of a family and staying together and feeling a sense of belonging (simul ut unum).

All the teachers are expert at their job and passionate about our knowledge. Moreover, every teacher dedicates all their time to their pupils and to all things to benefit our learning.

The outstanding teachers make sure you have a phenomenal education and ensure that you are safe.

I believe the best thing about our school is the fact that all decisions around school are made from votes taken throughout school.

The staff! The benevolent staff, who make sure our work is at the highest standard possible.

The best thing about our school is all of the staff work unbelievably hard and are always dedicated to teach. As well as our learning, the teachers care about our safety and our well-being at this school.

The caring and polite staff that you are surrounded by who can feel your emotions and help fix your situation.

Naming the best thing about Newcomen Primary School is a difficult decision; there are so many great things about our school. If I had to choose, it would be the amount of effort that the staff put in to make sure we are all well-educated.

How the teachers care about us.

I believe that the school's properties are all equally phenomenal. However, to only pick one, the best part of school is the outstanding staff.

The dedication and determination from everyone in my community is amazing. Moreover, our school are also a family and we are really close.

The education is definitely the thing that makes the school shine as brightly as it does and always will.

I really like the staff; our health and safety is their key priority.

We are all one big family in our school – unlike any other school in the country.

The amazing opportunities we have and devoted teachers who show up every day to teach fascinating subjects that are a joy to learn about.

The best thing is our huge playing field.

The best thing about our school is listening to Miss Pusztai.

The Leonardo statue is awesome

Everything.

Today is the best because it is roast dinner. I love Miss Pusztai.

I am proud that I got my head teacher award for empathy.

I am proud of how proud my mum and dad are of me for doing my work on Seesaw.

The food is great.

We have the best head teacher and unique staff.

After contemplating the many reasons that make this school phenomenal, the most notable aspect is the head teacher who wants the best for the students.

Our spacious learning environment and our high standards.

Its spacious and positively unique nature.

We have the all mighty Leonardo, who is our cherished mascot.

Our head teacher is not stuck in her office.

Although there are many decent schools in this country, this school (in my opinion) is the best because of our behaviour, our phenomenal library and our humorous staff.

I believe the best thing about our school is the staff and our mascot Leonardo.

Our outdoor environment such as the MUGA and the scatter logs.

In my opinion, the best thing about our school is how we all get on really well.

Our safety and Family Day.

The school disco.

We have the best teachers.

Everything.

We have an amazing field.

I have loving staff and they always make me feel safe.

The best thing about our school is everything.

The best thing about our school is never giving up.

Lunchtime.

The best thing about school is that it feels like home.

We are a family.

The best thing about our school is art lessons and outstanding dinners.

The best things about our school is having kind and loving staff and strict but kind Miss Pusztai and a well-stocked library.

Leonardo.

How could we make our school even better?

Add a famous quote that each hero has said to Learning AREA 4.

More equipment to play with on the playground.

Pondering on how to make this learning hotel better, I would like to add a Y7 to be able to stay with my friends.

I think we can make this school even better, only if we add more classes so that there are more pupils at Newcomen Primary School.

As this is an outstanding school and I have gained exceptional knowledge, I would like this school to extend with another class.

This school is perfect.

I believe we can't make Newcomen any better; we have all we need.

Although the school is amazing the way it is, I think the bug hotel could be expanded.

I honestly believe this school is at the best it can be. I cannot think of anything to improve it.

In my opinion, I believe we could grow our own vegetables (like the apple trees.) However, I would not change a single other thing as Newcomen is phenomenal how it is.

Learning more about another country's language and history.

Add extra bins outside. Whilst there are many bins, some year groups don't have external ones for lunchtimes.

Nothing really...our school is already outstanding as it is. One thing could be an obstacle course with monkey bars.

You cannot make this school any better because it is perfect the way it is.

More classrooms should be added to make it so that more children can come to this brilliant school.

Fun exercise equipment at break and lunchtime.

By adding more reading 'dens' to after break – maybe one in each year group.

Having after school language clubs like German and French. However, our school is perfect as it is.

In my view, I believe this school has reached the pinnacle in every aspect so I believe it is perfect and it can't be made better.

This school is already incredible; it is a very hard choice. However, I believe we could promote recycling more with posters.

More play equipment for inside break.

Football club after school.

I cannot possibly think of anything to make this amazing school better.

Adding more paintings to our Heroes wall. I know that is being put in place and is a really good idea.

Teaching us languages like German or Spanish for secondary school.

I don't think we could improve our school in any way because it is already perfect, if I had to pick one thing, I'd say that we could maybe extend our bug hotel to make a bigger home for insects and wildlife.

In every classroom, place a paper bin to sure we are doing our bit to save the environment.

After school cookery and computing clubs.

A gardening club after school to produce more food for us.

I would choose to play basketball not just football.

To give money to charity for rocks to make the NHS symbol.

A reading area outside with peace and quiet.

More opportunities to cook in school and an after school art club.

A trip to the theatre.

A rope with chains and the stationery shop again.

Self-defence classes like karate and ju jitsu.

School trips seeing animals.

A basketball court and hoop for younger children.

I would like nothing because it is already a lovely place to learn and play together.

Nothing, it is just perfect.

Football club.

More wildflowers.

Nothing because we have the best staff, everything we need and we have the best school ever.

If Miss Pusztai gives people, who want to work at Newcomen, more spelling tests to test how much knowledge they have to give us.

A support dog.'

Parent/Carer View

Any further comments: (exact wording used)

'School have been supportive during the pandemic. Families and children have all been safe.

We would just like to thank ALL the staff for their continued help and support. It has been a very difficult two years but the boys' schooling has continued as best as possible. The results of continued hard work are plain to see. So THANK YOU ALL AGAIN.

The seesaw programme was brilliant. My daughter got all the help and support she needed and she never missed anything.

I would like to say that Newcomen has never failed to surprise me; the dedication of all staff and carers is phenomenal. My daughter has had the best start in her education by attending this school as I did many years ago. Sadly, her Newcomen time is coming to an end soon and although emotions are running high, I know as she continues her education, she will blossom and succeed into whatever path she chooses and I really believe this is down to the amazing education provided by Newcomen.

I feel the See Saw application was a huge success to assist the children not falling behind with their work. The new one-way system works better than ever, along with staggered start and finish times. It eases a lot of congestion at the school.

I felt fully supported by the school during, lockdown and can see how it has helped my children's development. Thank you.

The one-way system should be kept going.

I was thankful that the children were with their 'old teacher' at the return to school to transition to their 'new' teacher. The support was brilliant through remote learning, completed all given tasks, and enjoyed receiving feedback. There was a lot of encouragement and praise.

The one way system introduced quickly was great and definitely reduced social contact. This was regularly monitored by staff too.

Newcomen is an exceptional school and deserves all the outstanding awards it receives. It is an honour for my children to go here and receive an excellent education. My child has had an amazing journey and leaves with so many happy memories. Thank you to all the staff for shaping her into the enthusiastic student she is – she is ready for secondary school!

My child has had an amazing eight years being part of the Newcomen family and we cannot thank the teachers for all they have done.

During lockdown, the staff went above and beyond being there for the children and making sure to make feedback personal to each individual while keeping spirits high.

Have a sponsored event for and from Y6 to raise money for the leavers' tops.

The consistent, whole school approach has given my child an amazing start in life. His knowledge and application of learning is truly phenomenal – thank you to everyone at Newcomen.

It is clear that the pandemic has not impacted on the quality of the children's education. I am sure that the compassionate and empathetic responses that my child has observed from staff at Newcomen has gone a long way to building my child's personal resilience and emotional intelligence.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my feelings about this amazing primary school. Despite the challenges over the last two academic years, the support given from the school and its staff has ensure my child has continued to embrace the 'outstanding' learning. We will miss Newcomen immensely and have many happy memories of our time with you.

I am so sad my child is leaving this fantastic school. He has enjoyed every minute in the Newcomen Family and is excited about his new chapter at secondary school.

I would like to say the school has been absolutely fantastic during the period of the pandemic with amazing care and continuous support throughout. The support received through Seesaw and the feedback and contact with the children was amazing for which I would like to say a big THANK YOU!

Measures were fab, remote learning was great. School itself has been excellent during this difficult time.

Huge thank you to Newcomen Primary with special thanks to the amazing Nursery team! The work packs were brilliant learning tools which we enjoyed completing. As a nurse working through the pandemic, I can truly appreciate the hard work the school has put in. Thank you for putting the welfare and safety of the children in everything you do, it really shows.

My child's first experience of school has been so positive despite a global pandemic.

I would just like to take the time to say a big thank you to all the nursery staff who have been amazing. My child tells me every day that the staff are all lovely and as her mam that makes my day so a big thank you to all again.

My child has had a lovely start to school life and I feel like the Nursery staff are responsible for that. She feels safe and happy to start Reception. I can honestly say that I felt privileged being so involved in the home learning during Lockdown. Even working full-time, I looked forward to getting home and catching up on Mrs Rhodes' videos. The comments she would leave my child were amazing.

We would like to see the one way system stay in place as there seems to be much less congestion at the entrance. Both our boys love coming to school each day and I would like to thank the staff for making that happen.

I would love all the children to learn more about the causes and implications around climate change. Knowledge regarding this phenomenon helps people to understand and take the consequences of global warming and to change their behaviour. I would like to thank Newcomen for welcoming our family back again. Myself and my brother attended this school around 25 years ago. The grounds are now so beautiful and the nursery staff have been wonderful. THANK YOU Miss Pusztai for successfully running this amazing school!

We would just like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all the amazing team at Newcomen. The communication between the school and the families throughout all this uncertainty has been fantastic and we have definitely felt supported and cared for and have known that our child is in safe hands at Newcomen. He is so happy and settled and enjoying his learning and we couldn't ask for more. Thank you.

During home learning the support we received from the school and individual teachers was amazing. There was no pressure to complete work on time but the children really enjoyed all aspects of Seesaw. Due to the efforts from Newcomen during the pandemic, our children will not suffer from this.

I think you all do a marvellous job and deserve a lot more credit. Thank you so much for the past year.

As we learn to live with Covid, it would be nice to see after school clubs resume.

The obvious care to our children was clearly evident in the staff's approach to Seesaw. The level of detail, the personal responses and the ease of use allowed for quality communication and the connection to be maintained with both his teacher and friends.

Thank you for providing support and reassurance to us and our children throughout this past year. It was good to know that school was there even when we were home learning, the steps taken to keep our children safe have all been implemented and communicated effectively. Our children are genuinely loved and cared for by all the staff and you have been a great help in getting our children through all this, remaining a constant in their lives whether in school or from home. The help given to key workers was amazing and proved how fantastic our school really is. Thank you for everything. Newcomen staff are truly amazing.

We respect you all for working tirelessly throughout the pandemic, especially when the children returned and you made the school a happy but safe environment.

I cannot thank you enough for the support and guidance you gave to my daughter and I. The safety measures are exemplary. I hope this remains in place post restrictions. Thank you for being the best school!

We only recently joined Newcomen but it more than lives up to its reputation of being an outstanding school. We hope that Newcomen continues as it is, in its approach to the pandemic, putting the safety of students first while still maintaining a solid standard of education. Our children love Newcomen! We are looking forward to seeing which extra-curricular/after school activities become available to see what we can have our children involved in.

There was no learning loss at this school. My two children have continued to achieve in a very nurturing and supportive environment. Two very happy children.

We have always felt that any actions taken by NewcomenPS have been proportionate to the situation and with the children at the centre of any decision making. Thank you to all of the Newcomen team for working so hard to ensure all children were given the chance to thrive in spite of the circumstances. Keep on doing what you do!

Seesaw worked great but glad for them to be back in the classroom with friends.

Fantastic school that has put the children's best interests at heart. So proud of the progress my son has made. A huge thank you to his amazing teachers.

We have nothing but confidence in Newcomen. The pandemic has been handled with grace and that has given us confidence.

I would just like to take the time to say a big well done to the school and the staff for the way they have handled the pandemic. The communication provided a source of focus and comfort in particularly stressful times. I have missed all the opportunities to come into school.

We think the one-way system is brilliant and would love for it to continue. The support families have had from the school during such hard times has been amazing. We love being a part of our Newcomen family.

Remote learning was great full of content and projects including fun activities.

My husband and I are key workers and without the school (teachers/staff being away from their families at a scary and critical time) we couldn't have managed. Thank you all.

Could we have additional seating outdoors at the other side of the school? I am looking forward to doing things as a community for example Family Day.

Thank you for implementing Seesaw for home school. The feedback from the teachers after each piece of work was so positive and helpful and the daily interaction really did make a difference to what was a difficult situation.

I really can't fault the school. Your priorities are spot on. I love every teacher oozes with passion for teaching. You all make me very proud to say that my child goes to Newcomen. You have a wonderful team at Newcomen, you do an amazing job! Thank you very much for everything you do.

I would just like to thank all the teachers, teaching assistants and all other staff in the school for keeping my children safe and happy at school through this difficult year. My children loved to attend school as children of a keyworker during the pandemic and school was a really enjoyable experience for them. Thank you very much.

During the pandemic, teachers were brilliant – if we needed anything, they would always get back to us.

Having to support my child in her remote learning was made seamless and effortless due to the effort and support provided by her teachers. Their nurture and kindness really helped. Thank you Miss Pusztai for your wonderful leadership and commitment to our children ensuring the school remains a safe place.

Although it has been a difficult year for everyone, the staff have gone above and beyond to provide support for families and children.

I have struggled without Breakfast Club.

We respect you all for working tirelessly throughout the pandemic, especially when the children returned and you made the school a happy but safe environment.

We really appreciate the after school initiatives of extra classes i.e. maths 3-4pm. We believe the extra classes has promoted confidence and assurance for our child so please continue these.

The most pleasing part throughout this most challenging time, has been that the children's welfare has been at the fore of all decisions. The care, support and dedication to every child should not go without comment, and we feel lucky that our children attend the school, and enjoy being part of the Newcomen family.

It's coming home! Let's make our Family Day extra special next year! We've missed it.

My daughter loves her school! I really appreciate the chance for her to go to school during the pandemic; working during these times has been hard but we did it! I can't wait for another Family Day and seeing the children perform, it is a real fitting celebration!

My child has thrived in every year and he loves going to school which is a brilliant feeling.

The support we have received as a family from the school was unfaltering both throughout the pandemic and home schooling. It has been a very hard year but Newcomen has made it more bearable in making sure that our children are not falling behind, they are in fact all ahead of where we all expected.

I have been very impressed with how the school have coped with the ongoing problems that covid has caused. I have felt that my child's health and well-being has always been very important to the school. I agree with all the outcomes through risk assessed situations. I am very thankful to all the staff at Newcomen.

I love that my son loves school and wants to be there every day. We had great support during lockdown. Thank you.

The way the school has handled the pandemic has been very well managed. Thank you for all your support in helping us through this challenging time.

Just wanted to thank everyone at school for all their hard work and even with all the restrictions ensuring my children felt happy and safe at school. Thank you.

I feel my son has made excellent progress under extremely difficult circumstances. I appreciate all the hard work his class teachers put in and found the Seesaw app appropriate and effective under the circumstances.

I am so happy my child gets to attend Newcomen. It is a brilliant school and he is doing so well. Newcomen is so accommodating if we ever have any problems.

The support we received as a family from the school was amazing. It has been a difficult year but we felt no pressure from the school in getting work done, we were supported through some hard times. The school has made sure that the families and children continue to stay happy. Mental health is very important to them.

Just to say thank you for all your hard work over the past 18 months. Coming to school has helped my child more than you know. Thank you for going above and beyond and for showing genuine care for the children throughout the pandemic. You are all superstars.

Newcomen is a fantastic school with amazing staff, led by a fantastic head teacher. Thank you Team Newcomen. Xx

I love how relational the school are. My child has had the best teacher every year!

I thought everyone worked together to achieve the best possible outcome in such difficult times – staff, parents and children did such a fantastic job. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

During dealing with Covid-19 the school informed us regarding every step and any changes we were informed of quickly.

Covid procedures have been fantastic and my children have always felt safe in school. Loving the one way system and hope it stays. Really missed school photos and Family Day. Hopefully it will have an amazing come back for 2022! X

Amazing staff at Newcomen. It has been a tough year for everyone but the staff at Newcomen made home learning so easy and fun and this really is appreciated.

I would just like to thank all the staff at Newcomen for their help and support over the years. Best school ever!!!

Newcomen School Family came together during Covid 19. The staff went above and beyond and I hope it is recognised. This school is fantastic at giving the children the tools to build a foundation to achieve.

As always the school and staff have been fantastic in what has been a tough 16 months. I have always felt that my child was in a safe environment when at school and knew it was the school's priority to keep the school, staff and children safe – which I Thank You for!

Fantastic support again from the staff at Newcomen. Even through a pandemic, nothing was impossible for the school. The staff are fantastic and have definitely put our children's health first.

I think the school has done a great job communicating with parents.

The staff at Newcomen made home learning so easy and fun and this is really appreciated.

I feel the school has done an outstanding job of keeping the children in education considering the current and previous pandemic situations. I would like to thank each and every one of the staff for their dedication in providing this through a very hard year and I feel privileged that my daughter attends such an exceptional school.

Your dedication to the children and families of Newcomen never goes unnoticed.

We are very happy with all the new changes made within school and feel the children have adapted well because they trust and respect what the staff tell them. Thank you Newcomen for all your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to the staff for working so hard over two very difficult years. It meant so much to my son that his teacher ensured she kept in touch with him during the Lockdown period – even during February half term!

With warmest wishes, Miss Pusztai, staff and governors of Newcomen Primary School.

