



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Wrose, Shipley BD18 1AA
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter.

The main content of this letter will be the results from the recent parent/ carer questionnaires. Before these, however, we thought it might be useful to run through a few points that have come up this week.

Parking

Please try to be considerate when parking in the vicinity of school. We have had several complaints from residents about inconsiderate or illegal parking as well as positively dangerous speeds in various areas. The parking wardens will be visiting regularly, so, if you have to drive to school, please do park considerately and safely. Our Walk to School is working well, with a record 263 badges awarded to children this week, so please do support us with this and allow your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school if you can.

Holidays

Please remember that holidays during term time are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances. We have had a large number of holiday requests this week for holidays in school time between now and the end of the school year. Though we understand cost is a factor, please remember that we have a 2-week holiday at Spring Bank both this year and next year, so there are opportunities to bring down the cost of a holiday whilst keeping the children in school. Please also be aware that Bradford Council may well fine you should you choose to take the children out of school for holidays.

Parent/Carer Questionnaires

Before the holidays, we sent out a questionnaire to all parents/carers. We always want to know what we are doing well and what we can do even better. Thank you to everyone who responded (97 parents/ carers) and especially thank you to those who completed the comments section.

Please see below for some of the wonderful feedback we have received.

My child particularly enjoys the Creative Carousel lessons and the after-school clubs.

There is a warm, friendly and encouraging atmosphere whenever I have the opportunity to go in, and all the teachers and staff have been wonderful.

During my child's time at Low Ash I have always found the school to be helpful and supportive in any contact we have had.

I enjoy the after-school stuff where parents can come in and get involved with the learning; anything more like that would be great.



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The teachers really recognise different abilities within the class and my child has really benefited.

Not only do the teachers at school teach our children at school all day, they also offer support with any issues ongoing within school and at home, taking into account the mental health of the children. The support is offered not only to the children but to us as the parent/s too, which I think is incredible.

My children love Low Ash! They are happy, enjoying learning, love their teachers and are progressing well ...what more can you ask for in a school?

Below, we address some of the repeated requests in the comments section.

Please can we come into school again?

We are now welcoming parents/carers to come in to school to 'share a lesson' (these have been planned for the summer term) where you can join in with activities and view some of your child's books.

Parents/carers will be invited in to school to celebrate their child's successes in Achievement Assemblies from Friday 6th May. More details will follow.

Parent consultation evenings – can these be face to face again?

We have discussed at length the pros and cons of virtual parent/carer consultation evenings and have decided that the face-to-face consultations will return once again in the autumn term.

Can there be an even bigger focus on children's mental health?

You will probably now be aware that we have appointed a new learning mentor and a play learning mentor. This takes our pastoral team up to 4 members (Miss Grimshaw- Inclusion Leader, Mrs Dyson – Learning Mentor, Mr Nowakowski - Learning Mentor and Mr Singh – Play Learning Mentor).

All learning mentors are timetabled to work with individuals or small groups on a regular basis and Miss Grimshaw is also a qualified child mental health first aider.



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Can there be a messaging system where we can contact class teachers directly?

We appreciate that many of you do not see class teachers on a regular basis due to work commitments. If you have any questions / queries which you would like to put to the class teacher, please email the school office on office@lowash.bradford.sch.uk and write the teacher's name in the subject line eg. FAO Mrs Robinson. The office will then forward the message directly to the teacher.

Please see below for a full breakdown of the results.

No.	Question	% response	
1	My child enjoys coming to school.	Strongly Agree/Agree	94
2	My child feels safe at school.	Strongly Agree/Agree	97
3	Low Ash staff encourage my child to work hard and do their best.	Strongly Agree/Agree	99
4	The teaching at Low Ash is good and I think my child is progressing well.	Strongly Agree/Agree	97
5	I am given the opportunity to get good advice about how I can support my child's learning.	Strongly Agree/Agree	92
6	There is a good standard of behaviour at Low Ash.	Strongly Agree/Agree	91
7	Low Ash deals with unacceptable behaviour well and in a timely manner - including bullying.	Strongly Agree/Agree	82
8	Low Ash responds well to any concerns or questions I raise and listens to my views.	Strongly Agree/Agree	92
9	The school keeps me well-informed.	Strongly Agree/Agree	97
10	I think that the school is led and managed well.	Strongly Agree/Agree	97
11	My child enjoys a rich and varied curriculum at Low Ash.	Yes/No	97
12	Are you happy with your child's whole experience and would you recommend Low Ash to other families?	Yes/No	95

The % for strongly agree/ agree linked to how Low Ash deals with unacceptable behaviour is significantly lower than the others. Mr. Tom Handley, our Upper Key Stage 2 leader, has created a working party which is going to look at and review the behaviour policy. We will be asking parents for their views.

Thank you for your continued support in all we do. Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

Yours sincerely,

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