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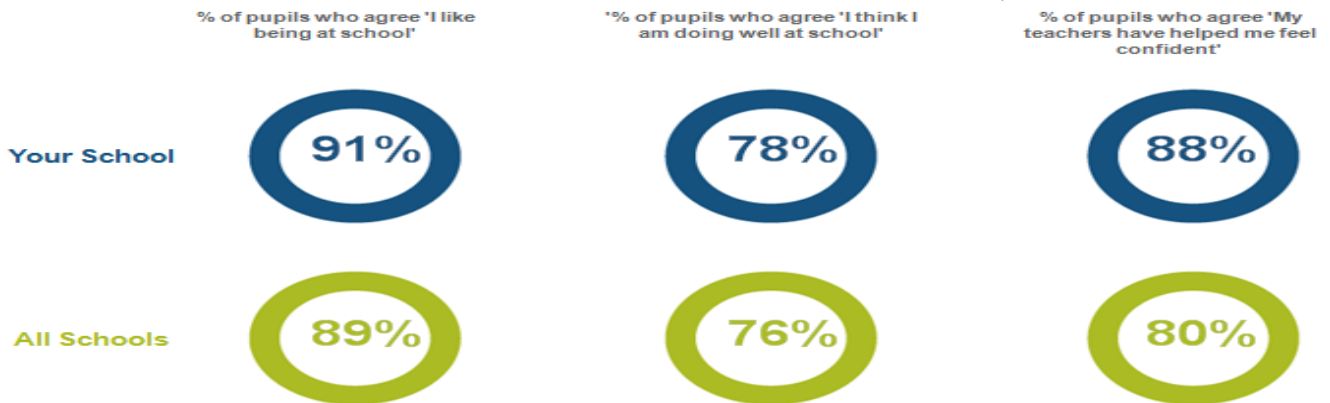
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Dear Children in Year 4, 5 and 6,

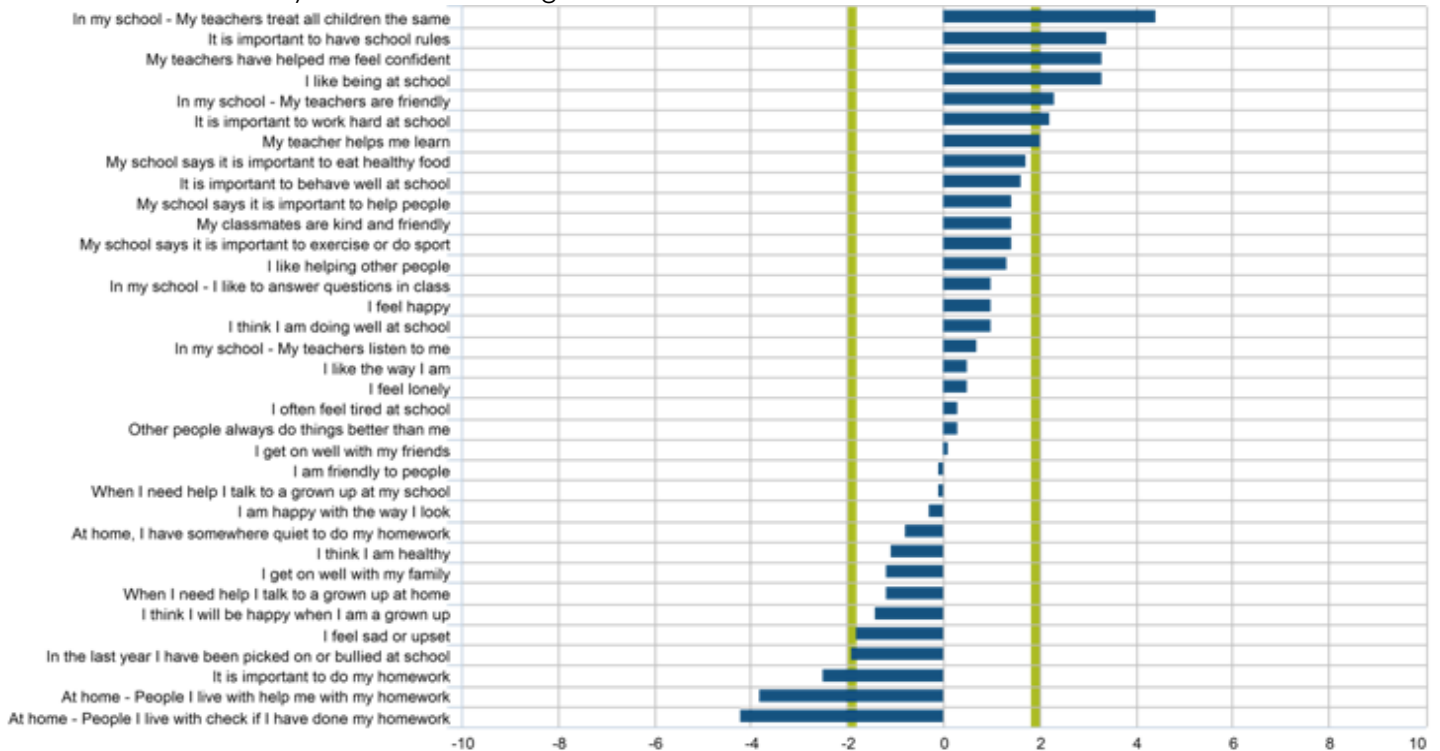
I am writing to let you know the results of the NFER survey we carried out before the summer holidays that asked for your views about the school.

It is very important for me to understand what you think is good and what you would like to improve about our school so that we can make it the best place possible.

Overall the survey shows that most of you are proud to come to this school and enjoy it here.



The next chart shows your views on a range of issues:



As you can see, there are some areas in school where you think we are doing well; these are shown by the blue bars going to the right of the middle line.

Areas of strength:

- My teachers treat all children the same
- It is important we have school rules – Good to be Green
- My teachers help me feel confident – Impossible is Nothing

The three areas where you think we could be better are:

- Homework
- Bullying
- Feeling Sad

We have already begun to change these three areas

1. Homework

Miss Pashby has been working hard ever since she arrived in June to change how we do homework to help you with this.

We now have homework books which are really clear on what you need to do; Spellings, A speedy Spider and #30things. Hopefully, by making it clear what you need to do each week, the people at home will feel more confident that they can help you with your homework.

We are also hoping that you are having more fun doing your homework this way so that more of you will want to do it each week and not fall out with the people you live with when they ask if you have finished it.

2. Bullying

Over the last three years, we have worked hard to ensure that you feel safe at school.

Each year in November we spend time looking at different types of bullying such as cyber bullying and homophobic bullying. Last year we even had an exhibition in the hall so you could show your parents and carers what we had been learning about.

I take bullying very seriously as I was bullied at school about my hair colour. I don't want any of you to have to feel that way at our school, so I always work with the teachers as soon as you tell us something is happening.

However, we also have to make sure everyone in school and at home understands what the word Bullying means. It means when someone (or a group of people) pick on you for some reason **over a period of time**. This is important, as one or two children each week come to talk to me about how they are being bullied in school and when I look into it they have fallen out with their friend. While this can be a sad time, it is not the same as bullying.

3. Feeling Sad

Many of you said in the survey that there are times when you are feeling sad. At school we want everyone to be happy and feel safe. However, if you have seen the movie 'Inside Out', sadness is one part of your emotions.

When you are feeling sad, we want to be able to help you. We have lots of areas in the playground and around the school where you can sit with your friends, who might be able to cheer you up. We also have adults in school who can help – your teacher, TA, Mrs Parish, Mrs McMullen, Mrs McGreavey and Mrs Lilley, or even me!

Our excellent school council are at this minute, buying benches for the school playground and Buddy Bench signs so when you are feeling sad, you can sit on the bench, and a member of the council will come over and try to help you.

Overall the survey was very positive and showed us that most of the time you are happy and safe at school. It also showed me where you think we need to focus next.

If you would like to see the results of the survey in full, please visit www.hunsletcarr.co.uk, and visit the **Parent View** section in **Parent's Info**.

I hope I can continue to make your school the best place it can be.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Martin Lumb

Headteacher

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