



# Stanton-in-Peak C of E Primary School

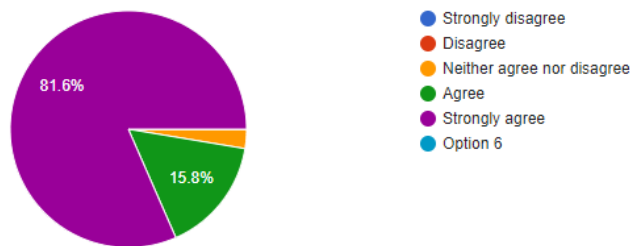
## Parent Survey - October 2021

### The Results:

Thank you very much to parents and careers for completing the questionnaire and for your comments and responses about the education that we offer your child/ren. We had 38 responses and are pleased to present the results and our comments to you.

1. My child is happy at this school

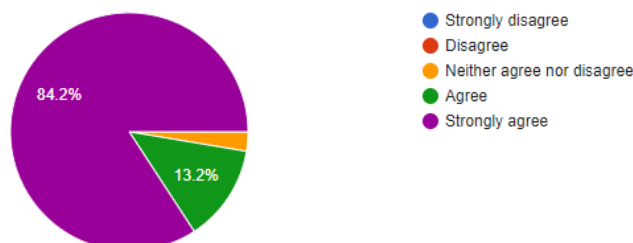
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97.4% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at our school. We would of course like 100% of our children to be happy. If your child is unhappy at school, please come and see your child's class teacher or myself and we will do our best to ensure they enjoy attending school.

2. My child feels safe at this school

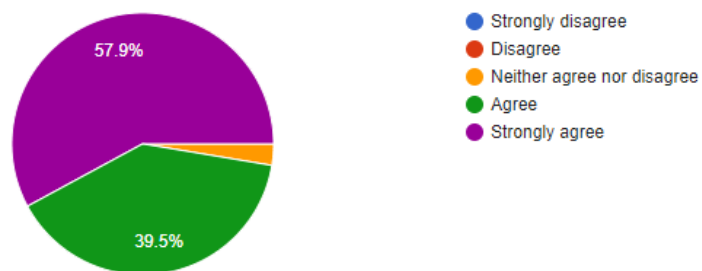
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You have told us that 97% of our children feel safe at school. For children to learn properly they need to feel safe. We will be asking our children safety questions and working with them to ensure that 100% of our pupils feel safe.

### 3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

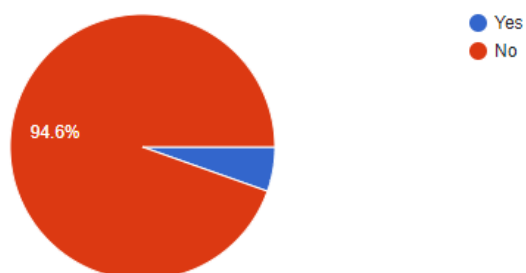
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97.4% of parent agree or strongly agree that we make sure our pupils are well behaved. Behaviour is very important to us and we have worked hard on our behaviour policy and behaviour management to ensure that all of our pupils behave well.

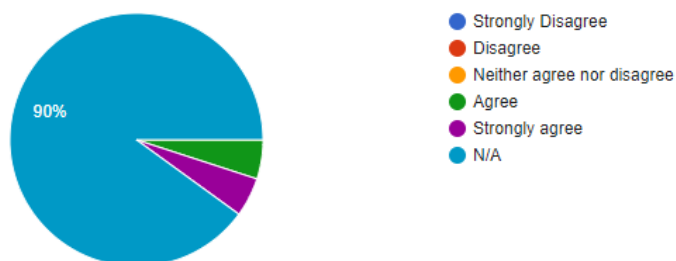
### 4. My child has been bullied

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If you answered YES to question 4: the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

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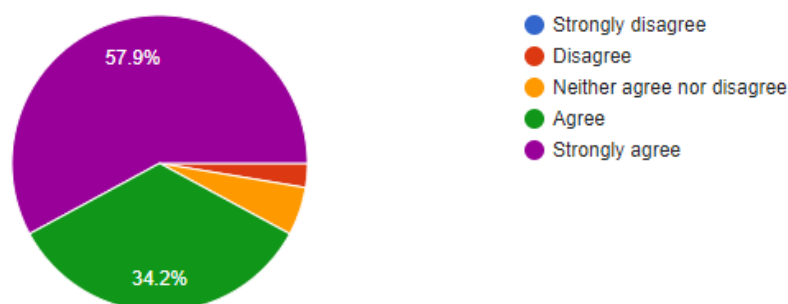


We do our best to ensure that bullying does not ever happen at our school and bullying of any sort will not be tolerated. This week we have joined in with anti-bullying week and the children have taken part in Collective Worship and activities at school to help them understand bullying and where the children can find help if they are experiencing bullying. We are pleased that those who have experienced bullying feel that it has been dealt with effectively by school. If your child

experiences any bullying please inform school as soon as possible.

#### 5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

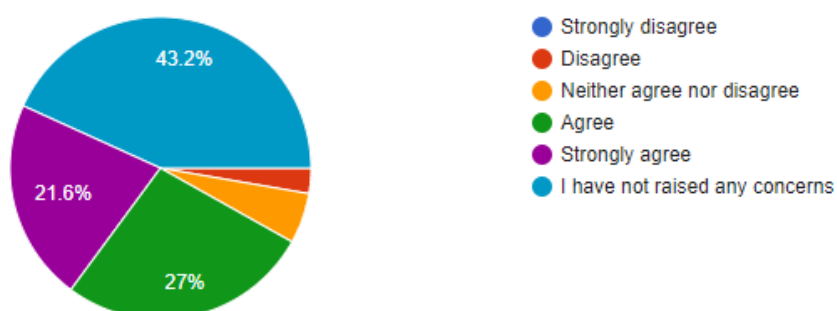
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We are pleased that most parents are aware of what their child is learning in school. There are several ways to find out more if you would like. Each half term your child brings home a Learning Map with their learning objectives for that half term. I have been including work from each class on the monthly newsletter and we will be using our class pages and social media account to document your children's work, whenever we can. We are currently developing our school website to ensure you can find subject specific information about your child's learning. This is a large task so please be patient whilst we develop each subject. If you would like specific information regarding the learning of your child, please ask your child's teacher. We have an open door policy. This means that you can speak to your child's teacher or myself, at the beginning or end of every day.

#### 6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

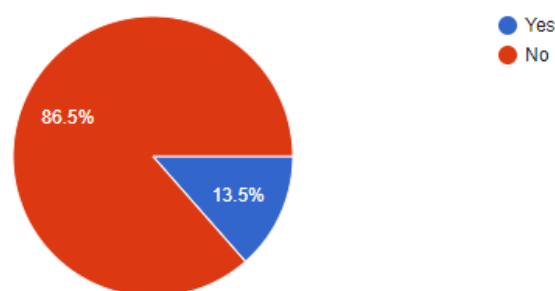
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I am pleased to hear that the vast majority of concerns that you have raised have been dealt with properly. If you feel that a concern you have raised has not been dealt with, please come and see myself or Mr Figg. We will always take any concerns you have seriously. You can also contact our chair of governors to report any concerns you have that you feel have not been dealt with appropriately by school.

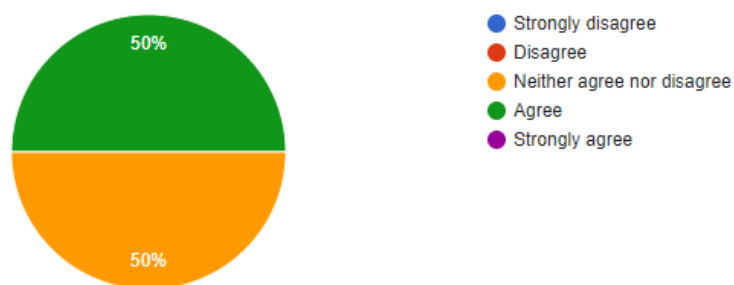
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

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If answered yes to the above: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

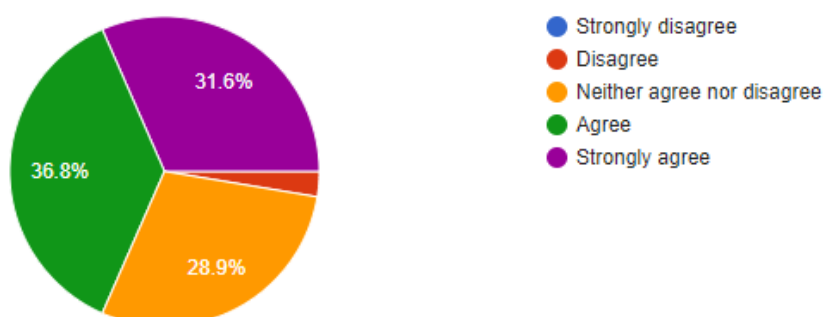
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Our school works extremely hard to ensure that our school is inclusive and that all our pupils can thrive. Miss Birkin and I are currently developing our SEND offer. If you feel your child needs further support in school please come and speak to Miss Birkin or myself.

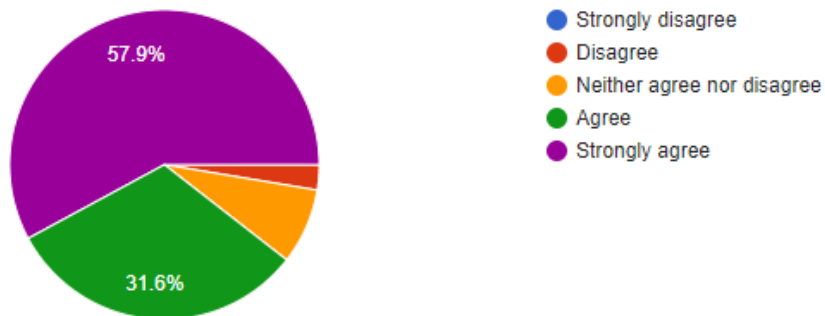
8. The school has high expectations of my child

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### 9. My child does well at this school

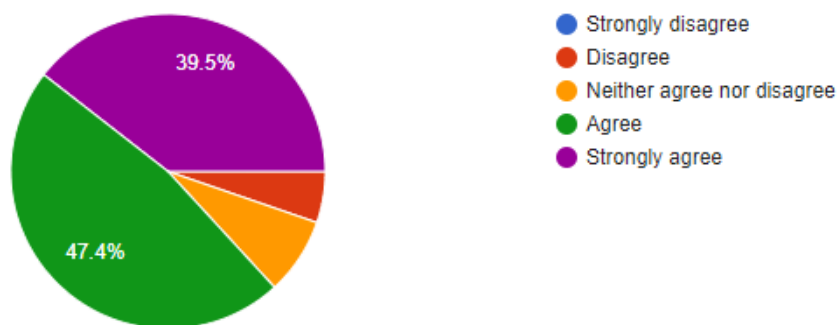
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We are glad that most parents agree that we have high expectations and that your child does well at our school. We continually strive to ensure that your children thrive whilst they are with us. We are currently working on ways to improve our curriculum to ensure that your children receive the very best education. We are also developing our extracurricular offer, last week for example, we joined in with anti-bullying week, the children experienced experts who came to discuss dry stone walling and this week they will be learning some basics in first aid from a trained first aid practitioner. We work hard to ensure that school has a caring, family atmosphere. Expectations with their behaviour is continually referred to and refreshed when appropriate.

### 10. The school lets me know how my child is doing

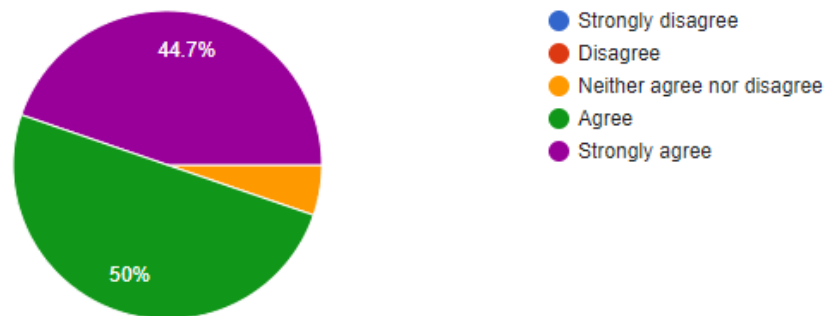
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87% of parents feel that school communicates well with you regarding your child's attainment and progress. Although we cannot increase the frequency of parents evening and report writing we will be happy to speak to you at any point during the year about your child's attainment. Please speak to your child's teacher or the school office to make an appointment.

11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

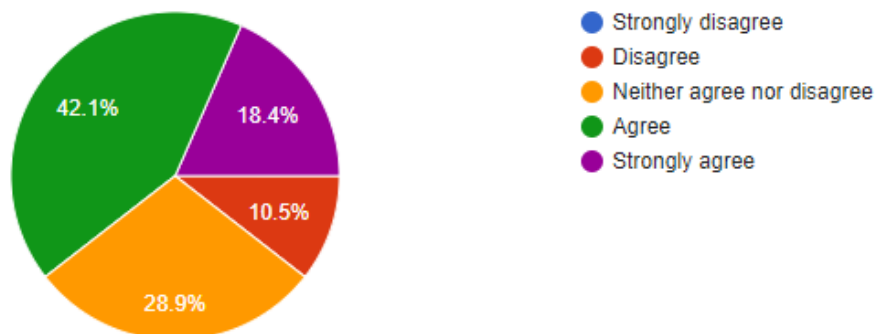
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For more information regarding the subjects that we teach in school please see our school website. Information regarding each subject can be found under the 'Curriculum' page. Please be aware that these pages are a work in progress and there is not currently information on each subject. If you would like any more information on subjects we have not yet covered on the website, please ask the school office.

12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

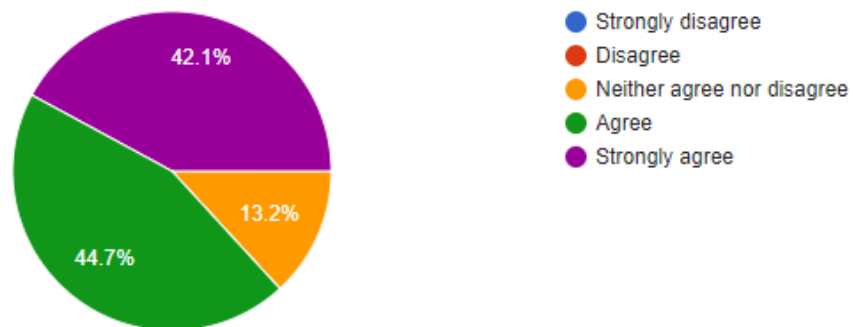
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As a staff we have discussed ways that we can offer more activities and clubs. We will be developing our lunchtime club offer to ensure that a variety of activities are available to your child. We offer an after school club on a Friday afternoon which takes place at Rowsley. This term's after school club is gymnastics and from January we will be offering Glow in the Dark Dodgeball! This is run independently by an after school club company. If you would like more details please see Mrs Rimmer in the school office. During lunchtime there is currently a Collective Worship and Newspaper Club open to KS2 pupils. The teachers have also offered to run a club which you will be hearing about soon.

13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.

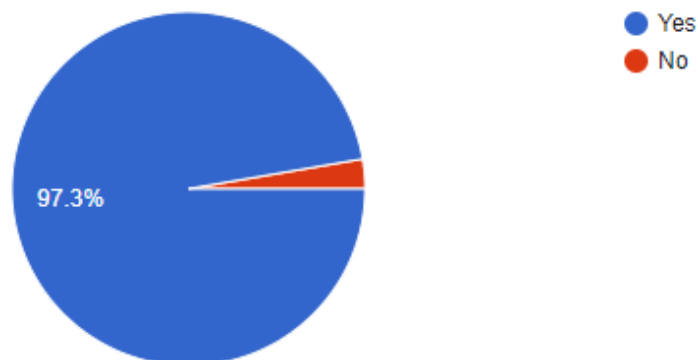
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I am extremely proud of the pastoral care that is offered at our school. The school staff work tirelessly to ensure that we are supporting our pupil's wider personal development. We introduce children to courageous advocates and British Values as well as teaching about Christian Values in Collective Worship. Our PSHE curriculum ensures that we tackle issues such as bullying, growing up and feelings. you feel that your child may need additional pastoral support, please see your child's teacher or myself.

14. I would recommend this school to another parent.

37 responses



## **15. What do you think are the positives about our School?**

Thank you for your lovely comments towards the school and teaching staff. Parents like that we are a small, friendly school with a family atmosphere. Acknowledgement was given to staff for their hard work and care they give. Many parents said that they felt supported and that our staff know their child. Our Forest School offer was reported as a real strength. We are glad that pupils and parents love it as much as we do! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team. I see on a daily basis how hard our staff work and how much they care about every single child and their families. I know it meant a lot to the staff to hear some of your appreciative comments.

## **16. How can we make further improvements?**

Thank you for your comments on how we can improve our school. You raised some very important issues, many of which I have already covered in this document. Although I will not be answering every single point raised, if anyone would like to discuss any concerns or development points for the school I would be happy to hear them.

We find that setting homework can be difficult. Some parents felt we should have more, some parent felt we should have less and some that we should have no homework at all. It is a hard balance to ensure that both parents and pupils are happy whilst ensuring a healthy work life balance for our teachers. At the moment we set out homework based on current research which shows that children have the highest benefit when they read every day and practice spellings and maths arithmetic, for example times tables. Large projects are shown to have no educational benefit and that they could actually be detrimental to some children. However, if you would like to set your child more work, our develop areas that your child is struggling with our teachers would be happy to give you some ideas.

Many of you expressed concern over the class sizes and the size of the school. Whilst we acknowledge that the school has grown significantly over the last 10 years we hope that the school has kept its friendly, small school atmosphere. Many of you commented that you liked having small classes and excellent teachers. In order to keep class sizes down we need the third classroom and third teacher. We are approaching the maximum number of pupils allowed at our school and so the school population cannot grow much larger. This has been set by the local authority and whilst we still have places available school cannot turn down pupil places should parents choose to send their child to us.

Parents wanted earlier notice about events and better communication. A new school diary has been developed with dates on for the year. Although these may change we are hoping that this can help parents plan better. We have introduced parent hub. This is the easiest way that we can communicate with all parents. We ask that if you have a mobile phone you please download the app as this will ensure that you receive the most up to date information. The teachers and myself can also send information via parent hub. Previously all correspondence has had to go through Mrs Rimmer. I will endeavor to keep parents informed about all school related information when we can. We have introduced social media pages so that parents can easily see what their child has been up to. There is a new page on the school website titled 'School Letter' where you will find all the latest letters should you have missed them on parent hub or misplaced a paper slip.

Many parents commented on how crowded and unsafe the parking can be at pick up and drop off times. This has been a long running concern and staff and governors are constantly trying to think of solutions. It is essential that each and every parent plays a role in ensuring that you park sensibly. Please do not block the road, pavement or bus lane. This may mean that you have to come to school



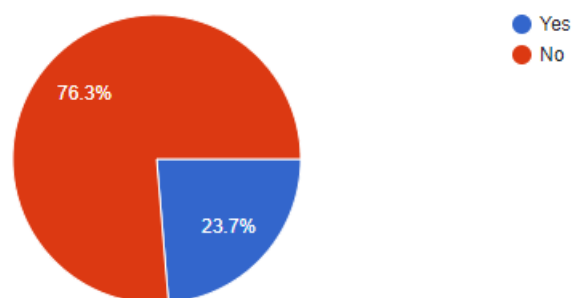
slightly earlier and park further away from school. Please schedule this into your drop off routine. Please car share, walk or cycle when possible. There is a large number of pupils that use the bus. Although a staff member does not see them off the bus in the morning we do ensure they get on the bus safely at the end of the school day. Could this be an option for your child? If you have any suggestions on how we could help alleviate the pick-up and drop-off traffic, please let the school know.

Unfortunately, we cannot give individualized feedback to each parent every day or even weekly as it would mean a massive increase in teacher workload and be in breach teachers' pay and conditions. Two parent's evenings and a report at the end of the year is standard reporting for a primary school. However, we will be making some changes to ensure you feel better informed. For more information about this please see my response to question 5.

We have developed our teaching of spelling this year and are giving more focus to spelling in class. The children have daily practice at school. Spellings are still sent home and children encouraged to practice at home. We will look at reintroducing the hot and cold spelling tests should we think this is the best approach for our pupils.

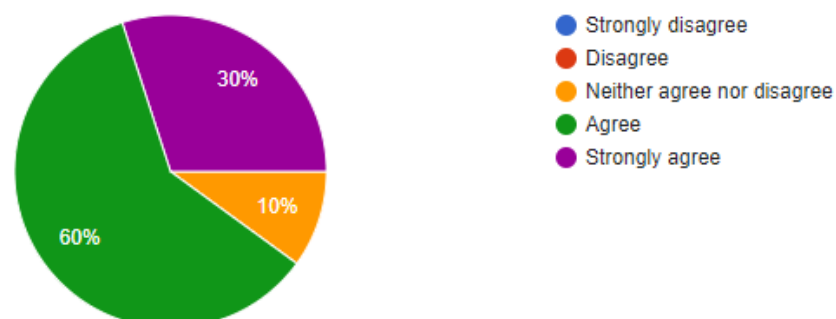
#### 17. Have you used the After School Club?

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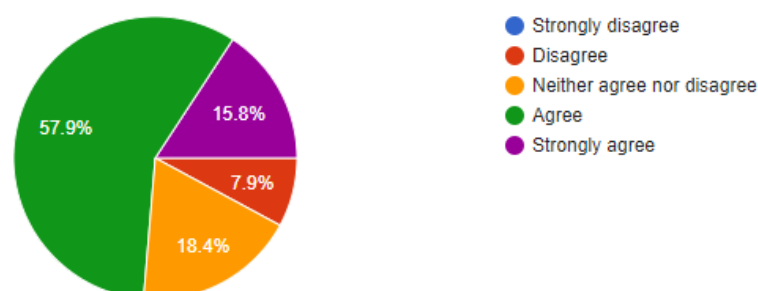
#### If yes to the above question, has your child been happy at the club?

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### 18. I understand the roles and responsibilities of the governing body

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If you would like to understand the role of the governing body please visit our website where you will find more information about the roles and responsibilities of our governors:

<https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk/additional-information/>

### 19. What are your hopes for the future of our school?

Many of you expressed that you wanted our school to continue improving so that we can provide the very best education for our pupils. We agree. Our school improvement plan (SIP) is centered around ensuring that our children grow up to be curious, lifelong learners who hold Christian values dear and lead a 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Most other points raised in this section have been covered in my reply to question 16.

Myself, the staff and governors thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have taken them onboard and hopefully you will see some of these points put into practice soon. If anyone would like to speak to me directly regarding concerns or issues you have then I encourage you to do so.

Kind regards,

Alexia Wyer

Headteacher Stanton-in-Peak C of E Primary School