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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to all parents who engaged with our school survey at the end of the last academic year. We invited comments on all aspects of school life in order to inform school improvement planning, and we are very grateful to the parents and carers who spent time telling us about their children's experience of school. As a school, we welcome constructive feedback and have used this to inform daily practice.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from the vast majority of parents on all aspects of school life. It was particularly good to see that 95% of respondents agreed that their child is happy at Ashlyns; this is, after all, our key priority. We were also very pleased to see that there was overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and carers on the way the school manages any bullying, general behaviour, curriculum choices, and parent-school communication. Finally, we were very happy to see that more than 96% of our parents and carers would recommend the school to another parent, with some lovely comments about the professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment of our staff.

Parent feedback on aspects of school life that have been more challenging for their child have been very helpful in informing some of our practice going forward. For example, several parents commented on the congestion that can happen at particular points in the school corridors. We have ensured that some of our entrances and exits are one way, which has reduced the congestion at those key points. We have also ensured that there is a high teacher presence in corridors between lessons in order to manage any congestion.

Some parents with children in specific year groups, in particular Year 9, mentioned the aspects of school life that those children have missed out on during the pandemic, with trips raised most often. Although it is not possible to replace everything that groups of children missed out on during Covid, we are now happy to be operating and offering trips again and this includes a residential trip for Year 9 in place of the Peaks trip they missed in Year 7.

A small number of parents indicated that they had found reporting at KS3 challenging at times, and we used our Parent Forum to give further feedback on KS3 assessment and reporting from a parents' perspective. All of this fed into our introduction of a new KS3 assessment and reporting system which we launched with both parents and students in September. Alongside this, the

question which sought feedback on what further curriculum information parents would find useful was helpful in informing our website content, and parents and carers can now find learning journey maps for all subjects on the 'learning' section of our website. For KS3, parents and carers are now able to access our curriculum assessment descriptors for further information on what is taught each half term to students and how they are assessed upon those topics.

Thank you once again to the parents who engaged with our survey. If you have any questions about how we gather stakeholder feedback, or anything contained within this communication, please do not hesitate to contact me via the admin@ashlyns email address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Kingston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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Deputy Headteacher