



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, I would like to express my thanks to all of you who took the time to complete our recent parental survey covering a wide range of topics here at school. Your input and feedback is much appreciated and I, along with the senior team and the wider staff, will do all that we can to act upon your considered suggestions as appropriate.

In broad terms, the tone of the feedback and the answers to both the quantitative and qualitative questions was extremely positive. Key lines of enquiry around behaviour, safety, wellbeing and standards have shown considerable improvement since the last time a survey such as this was conducted in January 2019. Indeed, in response to question 17: 'Would you recommend this school to another parent?' Almost 90% of respondents said yes. Thank you for your overwhelming support and positivity of everything we are trying to do.

Our on-going journey to improve the school is far from complete- we all recognise that. Where individual respondents have left contact details, a colleague from school will be in touch to discuss areas of concern that you have raised. There were also a few broader themes which emerged from the survey:

- Extra-curricular provision/trips: the staff have now started putting on additional clubs and sessions as the effects of the pandemic start to subside. This will continue to expand as the year progresses. We have started to also plan for trips to re-start, recently completing a Science residential for some students in Y10, we have an Art trip to London planned as well as the planning for the trip to Iceland to re-start at the beginning of next academic year. Mr Cregeen will update our website with extra-curricular provision this term and I would encourage as many of our students as possible to get involved in at least one activity.
- Strategy to improve behaviour/uniform: many respondents recognised that the school has made good strides in making this better. There was some frustration from some parents that a small minority of students seem to break rules with little or no response from school. This is not the case, we have high expectations of everyone, at all times and we continue to work with parents and students where they do break school rules. Appropriate sanctions are imposed when required but as a school, we are hugely grateful to the vast majority of our families who work with us and support us in upholding school policies relating to behaviour, uniform and attendance.
- SEND Provision: with the appointment of Mrs Nolan, our full time SENCO, many respondents acknowledge that we are making good strides in identification and provision. Supporting our SEND students is a hugely important part of what we do here at Range. I would encourage anyone with concerns to liaise closely with Mrs Nolan and the Inclusion Team.

- Online Parents' Evening: a few respondents expressed some dissatisfaction with the cloud based parents' evening system whilst others were very keen that it should continue. We will conduct a separate survey about this later in the year. Please bear in mind that it is always possible to have a separate phone conversation or to make an appointment to see an individual teacher should you have any specific subject concerns.
- PE Kit being worn to and from school/PE Kit issues: again, a few people raised the possibility of allowing students to come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE on their timetable. This was a temporary measure introduced during the pandemic when the changing rooms were not in use. As time progressed, unfortunately some students were abusing this and not following the rules resulting in numbers of children coming to and going home from school in non-regulation sportswear. This in turn led to a general drop in standards of uniform, something we are working hard to address in school on a daily basis. Miss Singleton along with Mrs Ashworth and the student council will be reviewing aspects of the PE uniform this year with a view to making some recommendations on positive changes to the board of trustees.

These were the main themes of enquiry in the comments section and as already stated, where individual contact details were left, a colleague from school will be in touch to discuss individual concerns.

Again, thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey. Your feedback is invaluable as is your support in trying to make Range High School the very best place it can be for your child's education. You are always welcome to get in touch anytime. Our [admin@range.sefton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@range.sefton.sch.uk) contact address is monitored daily and your query will be quickly passed on to the relevant colleague in school.

With best wishes,



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