



## Bernards Heath Junior School

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### ***ACTION NEEDED PLEASE***

26<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parent and Carers

### **ANNUAL PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**This is the point in the school year when we formally invite you to let us know how you feel about the school.** Are there any aspects of school life that you are not particularly happy with or clear about? Or maybe, you really like or appreciate a specific approach the school takes to some other aspect? We would really like to hear your views on both of these.

### **Have you completed the PARENTVIEW questionnaire yet?**

Earlier this term we invited you to complete the national on-line PARENTVIEW questionnaire, again an annual exercise. Many thanks to those of you who have now done so. However, there are still only 35 recorded responses for this year at a school with over 300 children. We would encourage more parents to spare just a few minutes to respond so that the statistics more accurately reflect the views of the whole parent body – please visit at [parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

The shortfall with PARENTVIEW from the school's perspective is that there is no scope for parents to comment. There is no opportunity to explain or justify why you agree or disagree with the statements. We would like to offer you that opportunity now with the attached simple school questionnaire.

### **Why are your views important?**

Your views help us decide priorities for developing the school and thus enabling us to put measures and actions in place to address any identified issues and raise standards throughout all aspects of school life even further.

### **Questionnaire does not replace individual or specific concerns**

We do, of course, urge you to be pro-active about any specific issue that may be causing you or your child to worry at any time. Please do not wait until minor niggles become a major concern, or feel that you have to wait for this annual questionnaire. Class teachers, the people at school directly involved with your children on a day to day basis, are very happy to discuss concerns with you. Arrangements can be made for discussions either face-to-face or over the phone, whichever is more convenient for you and the member of staff. If

a matter cannot be resolved at this level, the office staff will be happy to arrange a meeting or phone conversation with Mrs. Kilpatrick.

### **More general views**

However, there may be aspects of school life that you do not consider important or serious enough to warrant a specific conversation with the class teacher or the headteacher, but which you would like to highlight on a more general basis. This is the key purpose of this questionnaire.

### **ALL parents' views are important to us**

Even if you do not have any particularly strong opinions about any aspect of school life at Bernards Heath Juniors, we would still like to hear from you. It is only by having a wide range of responses across all classes and year groups that we can form a clear picture of how parents feel about the school. Unfortunately ***last year, only 8 parents in total responded***. Their comments were obviously still of interest to us, but could not be taken as representative of the wider parent body.

### **How to respond**

We have tried to make things as easy as possible for you to respond. This letter is being sent out in paper copy, and also electronically via Schoolcomms. It will also be accessible via the link on the school website under "Information for Parents" and then "General letters".

You may return the completed questionnaire in whatever way is most convenient for you:

- By paper copy to the office
- By email attachment to: [admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk)
- As a direct email to: [admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk) with a clear heading that this is in response to the Parental Questionnaire

**PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR RESPONSE BY MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We look forward to hearing from you and will feedback findings from the questionnaire in a governor newsletter later this year.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Liming  
Chair of Governors

# **BERNARDS HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL**

## **Annual Parental Questionnaire Spring Term 2014**

Please return questionnaire to school, either by email to [admin@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk) or by paper copy to the school office by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**At Bernards Heath, I am happy with:**

**At Bernards Heath, I am unclear, or not so happy, about:**

*To help us identify any common themes, please give:*

*CHILD'S FORM: .....*

*CHILD'S GENDER: GIRL / BOY*

*YOUR NAME (not compulsory) but would enable us to follow up any particular concerns:*

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