



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well.

You may be aware that through day eleven and twelve as Headteacher of Garstang Community Academy we welcomed Ofsted. The process involved a range of inspectors visiting school over a two-day period. Staff and students of GCA were ably supported by colleagues from our Academy Trust. The findings from Ofsted will be published in coming weeks and we will make you aware when the report becomes available.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their contributions to both the surveys that were conducted in November 2022 and for the ones completed for Ofsted in January 2023. In response to the survey from November 2022, I would like to share for transparency, some of our focus points for the remainder of the academic year and beyond:

Bullying – we are educating all of our young people about the implications of bullying and acting against perpetrators. This work began with the newly implemented ‘Care’ strategy and this will be followed by a full behaviour review. ‘Care’ is one of our key values. We recognise there is work to do on our culture, but the work has already started to develop our community.

Behaviour – we will not tolerate a small number of students disrupting the learning of others. Similarly, through the care strategy and other approaches, we are educating our students on the importance of engaging with all aspects of their learning. At this stage, systems and structures will be evaluated and amended, whilst ensuring there is significant exposure on rewarding students who make the correct decisions on a daily basis.

Toilets – the toilet provision will be reviewed to ensure that they are accessible to all students during social times. The views of the students will be sought to ensure their voices are heard and a consensus is reached.

Communication with parents/carers – we will review our current methods and frequency of communication and consult you on our next steps. Please note, you can also follow us on the twitter handle [@GarstangAcademy](https://twitter.com/GarstangAcademy) to see some of the experiences our students are engaging with.

Below, you will find a summary of the questions that were asked during the November survey and the results referencing the definitive responses.



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Garstang Community Academy – Parental Survey Results (Nov 2022)

Question	Overall Results (456 responses)			
	Total Agree		Total Disagree	
	Raw	%	Raw	%
My child is happy at Garstang Community Academy	370	81	77	17
My child feels safe at Garstang Community Academy	379	83	60	13
My child is making good progress	339	74	68	15
My child is well looked after at Garstang Community Academy	367	80	59	13
My child is well taught by their teachers	306	67	75	16
I am kept informed of how my child is getting on;	266	58	174	38
My child is encouraged to be at school on time	439	96	7	2
School keeps me up to date about events and activities	427	94	24	5
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions	278	61	110	24
I feel comfortable about approaching school with questions or problems	362	79	82	18
I find it easy to contact my child teachers	227	50	169	37
Staff expect my child to work hard and do their best	401	88	17	4
Garstang Community Academy strives to make sure its pupils are well behaved	378	83	63	14
Teachers provide the right amount of homework	329	72	96	21
My child knows who to talk to if they feel they are being bullied	319	70	56	12
There are a good range of after school clubs	357	78	56	12
I feel welcome in the school and I am encouraged to take part in activities and events	306	67	70	15
Senior leaders manage and lead Garstang Community Academy well	299	66	69	15
Since September do you think that Garstang Community Academy has improved?	259	57	62	14

*where the percentage of agree and disagree does not total 100, this is due to the response 'neither agree nor disagree'

I would like to apologise for the impact industrial action has had on your child care arrangements, whilst the school was partially open on Wednesday 1st February. As you will be aware from media reports, this is an ongoing dispute between the Government and Trade Unions, which we hope will be resolved as soon as possible. However, please be mindful if a resolution is not reached, further industrial action is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28th February 2023, which will impact on the school community.

My first five weeks in post have been eventful but it has been lovely to meet a range of parents/carers within individual meetings, at the end of a school day as you collect your children or through the Year 11 Targeted Support Evening, which took place on Thursday 2nd February 2023. I look forward to meeting many more of you during the Year 9 Parents Evening, which will be taking place on Thursday 9th February 2023.

Many thanks,

Mr Singh
Headteacher