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Dear Parents/Carers

It's almost the end of another successful term and I hope you agree it has been a good one with lots for us to celebrate. Our teachers have planned some great new learning activities linked to the new Oasis Temple Curriculum and this making a huge difference to the academic progress your children are making and this was recognised in the latest review in early December:

"The improvements to the academy curriculum have enlivened teachers and children alike. Oasis Academy Temple is becoming a great place for children to learn"

Through this new curriculum we would like to be able offer the children more experiences through trips and educational workshops as these opportunities enhance learning and will improve their creative writing and wider knowledge of the world outside the classroom. In order to implement this from January like other schools we are going to ask for voluntary contributions so we can cover the cost of these experiences – this Charging Policy is on the website and a summary of it is below:

"any financial contribution would be entirely voluntary and that no child will be denied a place on the visit because you do not make a voluntary payment. However, the school will not be able to proceed with the visit unless it is clear that there will be sufficient voluntary contributions for it to be financed. It is not possible for the school to meet the costs of the trip without using funds required for children's basic educational needs such as staffing and educational resources."

We will give you as much notice as possible to enable you to spread the cost of any trips over a few weeks but, as always, if you have a problem please come in to talk to us about your circumstances.

Thank you so much for everyone that attended our parents evenings and for those of you who completed the parent questionnaires – 205 parents in total. The results are very positive and are included in this letter (overleaf). Many of you made some comments regarding homework so we have started to review that aspect of learning and will be seeking more feedback from you regarding this in the Spring Term.

Please turn over

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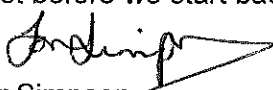
	Strongly agree	Agree	Total
My child is happy at this school	62%	34%	96%
My child feels safe at this school	64%	35%	99%
My child makes good progress at this school	47%	46%	93%
My child is well looked after at this school	51%	45%	96%
My child is taught well at this school	50%	45%	95%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	48%	45%	93%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	51%	44%	95%
The school deals effectively with bullying	40%	46% Plus 10% unsure	96%
The school is well led and managed	47%	44%	91%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	50%	40%	94%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	49%	46%	95%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	55%	38%	93%

The Christmas dinner and jumper day was a great success week, expertly served to the children on Wednesday by our wonderful catering. The children have their party day to look forward to next Thursday and on Wednesday Years 3 and 4 are performing the Winter Concert at 9.30 and 2.15 and we hope you can come along to enjoy that with us.

There will a change to our staffing in the New Year with Mr Wilkins making a return to class teaching, which is great news for Oasis. Unfortunately it means he will be leaving us after the holidays to teach a Year 1 class at Oasis Academy Harpur Mount for two terms. We wish him all the best in this new opportunity we will miss him greatly at Temple but look forward to his return next year.

This week has been the last week of after school clubs so next week please don't forget to collect your children at normal finishing times Monday to Thursday, which is the last day of term.

Finally we would like to thank you all for bringing your children to the Academy and supporting what we are doing. We hope you all have a lovely holiday, manage to fit in lots of family time and some rest before we start back on 6th January 2020.


Mr Simpson
Executive Principal