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Dear Pupils at Grange,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about our school. Lots of you said that you like lessons; you are proud of your progress and things you have achieved. I am proud to hear this.

Lots of you say how much you like:

- animal care
- outdoor learning
- friends
- quiet calm spaces
- clubs including choir and The Orchard

You said:

- you feel understood and helped by adults
- you think our rewards are fair and good
- you like pupil leadership opportunities
- you enjoy learning, especially options and new skills
- almost everyone said they feel happy and safe in school.

You gave me some good ideas of things that we can do to make Grange even better. These include

- ✓ buying new food tech equipment, a new minibus and more basketballs, Rubix cubes and things for your classroom reading corners
- ✓ buying electronic books
- ✓ planting more trees
- ✓ revamping old buildings
- ✓ starting a sixth form
- ✓ buying some more big outdoor equipment including swings and a spider climbing frame
- ✓ have a silent disco, gaming and 3D printing clubs

These will all be done before the summer holidays. Thank you for suggesting these things.

- ✓ You asked me to sort the drainage so we can use the field all year. I am working with some flood experts to do this, but it may take a while.
- ✓ You asked for astro turf or a sports hall – I will try to raise the money for this. It may take a while as they are very expensive.
- ✓ You asked for more covering on the fence and asked about security in lockdown. I will look at ideas for this.



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You asked for some other things which we cannot do. I will explain why.

- a horse to ride - we do not have a big enough paddock to have a large horse; we can explore visiting a stable for this.
- using your devices in school – the government have asked headteachers to make sure schools are mobile free zones for your safety.
- you have asked if we can fix the football goals to the floor– sometimes we need to move them so that we don't destroy one part of the field by using it all the time. Mr Rowley will see if he can add some tethering.
- one of you asked for fizzy drinks and sweets from a vending machine; because we are a healthy school, we can't do this, but we do try make sure you have treats. We will provide flavoured water at the end of term again we know you liked this.
- some of you asked to finish on half days on Fridays. You have a right to education, for at least 32 hours each week. This means we can't end early every Friday, but we do finish early on the last day of term.

Thank you for sharing your ideas and for helping to make Grange such a fantastic place.

As always, do come and tell me any other things you like, or ideas for our school.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Timms', enclosed within a light blue oval border.

Mrs Timms