



Dear Families

Ref: Families' and students' views

As you know, we are keen to seek your views throughout the year about a wide range of matters. Sometimes, your views are sought individually and at other times, as part of a whole-school survey. Such whole-school surveys are carried out three times during an academic year. As we are now in Term 6, we are launching our final survey for this year.

As a slight change to our normal practice, we are combining the family and student survey and would ask that you and your child work together. The aim, as always, is for us to understand your child's needs as well as possible, so that we can best meet them in school. The survey, however, is designed to also help you as families with practical suggestions.

This term's survey focuses on your child's sensory processing and has been designed by our in-house Occupational and Sensory Integration Therapist and our Head of Autism Research and Development.

It is longer than our usual surveys, as it breaks down your child's sensory experiences into 7 different areas:

- Proprioceptive (proximity)
- Vestibular (balance and positioning)
- Visual (seeing)
- Tactile (touching)
- Auditory (hearing)
- Gustatory (tasting)
- Olfactory (smelling)

For each of these senses, a student may experience no preference, be hypersensitive to it (avoiding it) or hyposensitive to it (seeking it).

As the survey is long and will require discussion with your child, you can save the survey at any point and continue with it at a later time. Just enter your preferred email address and you will receive a link to continue the survey when it suits you.

You will also find a video explanation about the questions at the beginning of each section. After each set of questions, there are suggestions made by our Occupational Sensory Integration Therapist that may help you support your child at home. This makes the activity beneficial for students, families and school teams.

The survey window will close on **Friday 25 June 2021**. Once we have your child's results, we will share them with the class teams. Class teams will use this information to support your child this year and also during Transition Week and next year.

To access the survey, you can click this link, or type it into your device:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ALS-sensory-profiles/>

If you need any further information about the survey or any support in accessing it, please contact Ms Mursic at sara.mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk or by ringing the school on 0151 428 1161 and selecting option 3.

We look forward to using such valuable results to continue supporting your child.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Hildrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher