



## Parental Questionnaire Outcomes November 2016



	132 responses 1 parental response = 0.8% Percentages have been rounded.	Strongly agree / Agree	Disagree / Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school.	100%	-
2	The school keeps my child safe.	100%	-
3	My child is making progress at this school.	100%	-
4	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	99%	1%
5	The school helps my child to grow in faith and morality.	99%	1%
6	The school informs me about my child's progress.	92%	8%
7	I know what is going on in school and I am kept up to date regularly.	97%	3%
8	The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best.	99%	1%
9	The school has improved over the past year.	98%	2%
10	There is a good range of activities including trips, visits and visitors which my child experiences.		16%
11	The school treats my child fairly and with respect.	100%	-
12	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	99%	1%
13	The school has appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints.	99%	1%
14	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	97%	3%
15	I feel comfortable approaching the school about any issues / problems my child has.	99%	1%
16	I know who to go to when I have a school related problem.	98%	2%
17	The Headteacher constantly strives to improve the school.	98%	2%
18	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	100%	-

**Positive Comments written in the ‘strengths’ section:**

- ✓ This school is brilliant and there is no need to change anything at all.
- ✓ This school helps children to reach their potential in everything they do.
- ✓ My child loves coming to school and she has progressed so much.
- ✓ My child is always happy when I come to collect them at the end of their day.
- ✓ We get lots of information in advance and it gives us plenty of time to make arrangements.
- ✓ I am very happy. I wouldn't change a thing.
- ✓ I know that the school knows my children and if they are upset or distressed, they keep me informed.
- ✓ My child loves school and I am pleased with their progress.
- ✓ Lovely staff.
- ✓ Very welcoming
- ✓ The Reception class team have done a brilliant job with my son since September. Thank you.
- ✓ I think school has really improved it he last 2 years.
- ✓ Great teaching
- ✓ My child raves about school.
- ✓ The school meets my expectations with pupil progress The school has really helped my child.
- ✓ My child is in a safe environment and learning every day.
- ✓ Excellent teachers
- ✓ My children love coming to school.
- ✓ My children are happy due to the support they have.
- ✓ I am happy with school just the way it is.
- ✓ Great after school club
- ✓ Brilliant staff
- ✓ Staff do their best with each child every day.
- ✓ The school SEN team and Mrs Morris have had an amazing effect on my child. They are a great support.
- ✓ Very pleased with the direction the school is going.
- ✓ We receive letters and text messages
- ✓ which tell us what is going on.
- ✓ Very impressed with my daughters progress since they started school especially with letters and sounds.

**Suggestions made by parents:**

Parental comments	Our response
<p>More events for charities.</p> <p>More charity events and more trips.</p>	<p>In the last twelve months, we have raised money for CAFOD, Save the Children, the Xavier project in Africa and Children in Need.</p> <p>I feel we do a great deal for charity and our parents are very generous.</p>
<p>More educational trips.</p> <p>More school trips.</p>	<p>School trips are very expensive with the average coach costing £150 for the day. We heavily subsidise school trips each year as many parents cannot, or do not, contribute towards the cost. Unfortunately the school budget cannot afford to pay out for more. Each class has at least one school trip out each year with some having more. However, I will discuss this with senior leaders to see what else we can do to address this</p>

<p>Headlice is a big problem.</p>	<p>You are correct but this is not something school can be expected to solve. Some parents are not fully getting rid of lice when their children have caught them. We recently posted some videos for parents to watch on our Facebook site. They are produced by a doctor and explain how this problem can be tackled by families.</p>
<p>When there are behaviour problems in class, the school could work closer with parents.</p>	<p>I am not sure if this comment refers to one particular case. I am assuming it does as, I feel working with families s one of our strengths. If there is a specific problem with one family, or one child, please approach us directly.</p>
<p>More after school activities eg discos and fayres.  After school clubs for Years 1 &amp; 2.</p>	<p>This is a tricky one. I would love to increase the amount of activities but it simply comes down to lack of volunteers to do this. It was sad that FOBS closed because there were not enough active members.  For Year 1 &amp; 2 there are activities planned for after school in the Spring and summer terms. We know they have previously missed out.</p>
<p>The school entrance from Burnside Avenue is unsightly</p>	<p>We agree but are keen not to take on responsibility for this when it is not our land and we have enough to do within our own grounds. I have previously asked the club to address this but will ask again.</p>
<p>Participation in world book day and other significant events.</p>	<p>We did take part in World Book Day this year and intend to do so next year. We also took part in Children in Need.</p>
<p>Homework was also brought up by approximately 10 parents as something they would like to see more of.</p>	<p>The homework policy is currently being reviewed and will go to Governors for approval in the Spring term. The new policy will come into effect in the summer term.</p>
<p>Text messages can sometimes be last minute</p>	<p>We are sorry if we are sometimes late in notifying parents about things going on. We do try our best but apologise that sometimes we get busy and forget. We try to publish dates well in advance through our newsletters. Usually a text will go out near the time to remind parents.</p>
<p>There are always lights left on inside school overnight.</p>	<p>Oh dear! We must sort this one out!</p>
<p>I would like to know more about how the after school club funds are used. (abbreviated message)</p>	<p>The After School club was set up approximately 12 months ago and at the point of set up, was making a significant loss. £5,000 was 'borrowed' from the school budget to subsidise the set up. The after school club only recently started to break even as numbers have only just reached the amount needed for this to happen after all out goings have been paid.  When the club starts to make a profit, all the funds will be put back into resources for the children to use. Currently al resources have been bought by using the school's budget.</p>

<p>There is not much variety for non-meat eating pupils. Also, I do not feel that puddings should form part of the day time menu.</p>	<p>I will pass your comments on to our school kitchen and chef. Thank you.</p>
<p>Progress reviews are sometimes a long time apart.</p>	<p>I agree. We are looking at ways with senior leaders that progress reports can come to parents more regularly. Thank you.</p>
<p>Prams and siblings allowed at school events.</p>	<p>We have never stopped a sibling from attending a main school event. The only event they are not allowed to come to are our parent taster lunches. Siblings are welcome at all other events. We cannot have prams in school on open afternoons and in the mornings because there is simply not enough room in the corridors or classrooms on these days when people are moving around. This is simply a space issue. Prams are welcome at all other events eg assemblies. Parent teacher meetings, Masses.</p>

#### **Actions following the parental questionnaire:**

- Introduce new Homework Policy as planned in Summer 2017
- Introduce new after school activities for Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 through use of the sports grant
- Meeting with Senior Leaders to discuss ways we can share pupil progress with parents in between parent teacher consultation meetings.
- Meeting with senior leaders to discuss the provision of trips within the curriculum and how we can improve this.