



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the Parent Questionnaire. In total, we received 188 responses, with a fairly even distribution across all seven year groups.

General questions

Although one should always be cautious about interpreting the results of a smallish sample (representing as it does about 28% of parents / carers for our pupils) the results were very positive. As can be seen from the table in Annex 1, for the majority of the questions posed, you either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement provided.

Whether children receive appropriate homework was highlighted both in this section (17 parents (10%) did not agree that we did) and also in the comments section. Interestingly, some parents thought that there was too much homework and some that there was too little. This was raised in the previous year's report and we have been working throughout the year to improve our homework systems.

Five parents (1%) disagreed that the school deals well with bullying. We would be keen to follow this up individually with those parents and would encourage them to contact the school as a matter of urgency.

Key Strengths

We were pleased to receive so many positive comments about the school - in particular the care, compassion and excellence shown by our staff. The results of this question are summarised in a word cloud.



How can we improve?

Our final open question asked you to come up with one suggestion for how the school could be improved. While we cannot list all of the comments we received here, a few key topic areas were mentioned.

These are:

- Homework – some parents felt that there were inconsistencies regarding homework and also did not like the days that it was being set.
- Challenge for high achievers – a few parents felt that their child was not being given enough challenge.
- Lunchtimes – some parents felt that these were rushed (particularly third sitting) and that there were not enough quiet areas on the playground. A few also felt that there were inconsistencies with dealing with behaviour on the playground.
- Traffic – many parents voiced concerns about the traffic at the front of the school – and the dangerous parking.

Next steps

- The Parent Forum discussed homework (minutes on the school website) and staff worked in teams to develop a new policy. This will be coming out in September – and discussed in detail at the Year Group Information Evenings. All comments have been shared with staff teams.
- Organise a Parent Forum around this topic in the autumn (2018). A major part of the school plan for this year and next year is around ensuring that children are challenged in lessons. Teachers have taken part in training and also 'lesson studies' to review each other's practice in this area.
- Both Acorn and Oak buildings to revert to two lunchtime sittings from September. Teaching Assistants assigned to each class will be responsible for lunchtime supervision in order to improve the consistency and communication. The playground map has been updated to make sure the quiet areas are more visible – and active zones more contained. A clear Buddy system has been relaunched between Y6 and Y3.
- Senior Leaders to patrol regularly along with site staff, before and after school. Parents encouraged to park and walk – and new parking signs purchased to discourage dangerous parking. The PCSO and parking attendants asked to visit more regularly.

Thank you again for all of your comments. They have all been read – and some which require quick changes can be acted on immediately. You may have noticed that we have already begun to make some of your suggested changes.

Finally, if you do have any comments on the survey results, would like to discuss any of the points raised, or would like to offer more general feedback – please do not hesitate to get in touch – either with Mary Priestley or with any one of the Governors.

Annex 1

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Agree/disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No response		Not applicable		Don't know		Positive*
My child is happy at this school.	134	71%	49	26%		0%	4	2%		0%		0%		0%	1	1%	98%
My child feels safe at this school.	141	75%	45	24%		0%	1	1%	1	1%		0%		0%		0%	99%
My child is making good progress at this school.	134	71%	47	25%	2	1%	5	3%		0%		0%		0%		0%	96%
My child is well looked after at this school.	139	74%	47	25%	1	1%	1	1%		0%		0%		0%		0%	99%
My child is taught well at this school.	139	74%	46	24%	1	1%	2	1%		0%		0%		0%		0%	98%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	92	49%	76	40%	1	1%	12	6%	4	2%		0%	2	0%	1	1%	91%
This school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.	108	57%	70	37%	3	2%	4	2%		0%		0%		0%	3	2%	96%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	74	39%	43	23%	2	1%	5	3%		0%		0%	16	0%	48	26%	96%
This school is well led and managed.	128	68%	56	30%		0%	2	1%		0%		0%		0%	2	1%	99%
This school responds well to concerns I raise	105	56%	57	30%	3	2%	6	3%		0%		0%	9	0%	8	4%	95%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	115	61%	63	34%	2	1%	6	3%	1	1%		0%		0%	1	1%	95%

*= Strongly Agree + Agree + Not Applicable + Don't know