



Parent Questionnaire – April 2012

It's questionnaire time again! Please read each statement and tick the box that best fits your view. Your answers are confidential to the head teacher, but a summary of parents' views as a whole will be shared with staff, governors, parents, carers and pupils. **Please tick the box number that you feel best expresses your view.**

Box 1 shows the highest level of satisfaction and box 4 shows dissatisfaction.

25 questionnaires returned.

1 response = 4%

If percentages don't add up to 100 it is because some boxes were not ticked or N/A was indicated.

Question/Area for self-evaluation	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvement
My child likes school.	72	28	0	0
The arrangements for settling in when my child started school were good.	52	32	0	0
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	84	16	0	0
I believe my child is making good progress.	68	32	0	0
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	76	16	0	0
Children's behaviour is good.	64	28	8	0
The Parent's Evening interviews/appointments keep us well informed about our child/ren.	72	28	0	0
I believe teachers give my child the help they need.	60	40	0	0
Staff are approachable, accessible and helpful with questions or problems.	68	28	0	4
Staff expect my child to work hard and they set high standards.	72	28	0	0
The school is well run.	60	40	0	0
Staff explain how I can help my child at home and provide appropriate homework.	68	28	0	4
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	76	24	0	0
The school takes good care of my child.	72	28	0	0
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, website, Information Station, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service) Communication is good.	72	24	4	0
The prospectus available to parents (available from the Information Station) is useful and informative.	56	28	0	0
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors (allotment, Nature Garden etc)	80	8	12	0

What do you think we do well?

You are all good teachers

Most staff are approachable. Headteacher is always in the playground before and after school which is good.

Teaching methods are fun and my child learns more because of this.

You encourage children to their highest potential. Special mentions assemblies are fantastic. Everyone supports each other; this was shown during the Jogathon. I can't speak highly enough of Thurlstone Primary.

The support of wider community events is excellent; for example Sport Relief, Harvest Festival. I like how the community is included for example Xmas concerts. It really does put 'Learning at the Heart of the Community'.

Supporting my child's individual needs. The ethos of the school is of a caring and supportive environment my child is confident in. Thank you! You are great!

Promote enthusiasm in learning! My child feels that teachers focus on things the children need to learn so that if they get something wrong someone teaches them how to do it.

Motivation. Good community spirit within the school. Class teacher is very approachable +involves the children in a wide range of activities. All the staff seem to know the children even though they have not yet taught them.

I think the school has a very welcoming and pleasant atmosphere. I thought the Buddy system was brilliant and it really helped my child to settle in to school. Overall very pleased with everything!

The school does really well at mixing the children. My child has great things to say about the activities she has been involved in and really enjoys playing with children in other classes.

The effort staff put in to making learning fun and engaging the children.

Communication with parents is excellent and the caring and encouraging nature of the children towards one another never fails to impress me – e.g. the atmosphere at Sports Relief when they were all cheering each other on.

Good discipline and reward systems.

Kids feel they get fun activities at school, i.e. golden time.

Everything!

Physical improvements in school – sinks and the building across the road which improves our child's experience and makes the afterschool provision more secure (very important for us as parents)

I'm particularly impressed with the progress my year 3 child is making in class 4.

I feel the school helps children settle in very well, having the Buddy system works really well.

Staff relationships with children are excellent. The way the school focuses on kind, caring behaviour and encourages this leads to a really nice atmosphere about the place. The fact that children's behaviour is recognised and rewarded is also very positive and can only breed good things for the future.

This is a caring school. Being able to see the headteacher at the beginning and end of the school day is wonderful. Good feedback on any concerns I've had. Very efficient administration. Happy and safe environment for my children to learn and grow. Wonderful.

Do you have any ideas for the future?

Approach local businesses for sponsorship. Funds raised could be used to provide free places for children on trips/Kingswood where parents re unable to pay.

Send out information at the same time/day so that parents get the information together.

Develop the playground area. My child doesn't like the boys' toilets at all.

My child would like more play equipment on the field like a trim trail. My child would like more singing and would like to play instruments in class.

Can black plimsolls be removed from the uniform list? P.E seems to be done in bare feet and they have never been worn.

More opportunities for participation in sport, especially football at playtime which my child misses. Possibility of extending rugby after school to year 3's starting on a different night, so as not to clash with karate so kids can participate in both.

Continue to improve Early Years provision.

On line prospectus is majority out of date. Need new bike shed - kids are upset they can't bring their bikes to school.

Improve communication routes for children moving to different classes for certain topics (maths literature) More arts based out of school activities – so far most have been on sport.

A notice board at the end of the playground with up to date pic/events forthcoming for school, Daisy Chains and local community.

Thank you for your many positive and supportive comments! Its' lovely to hear that you appreciate all we do!**Thank you also for your ideas for the future. Here are our thoughts in response.**

We will think seriously about the idea of gaining business sponsorship – if anyone knows of a business who you think might be interested, please get in touch. The aim is to send information out to parents at the same time; however circumstances do arise with individual teachers that can prevent this. We will try to address this concern though.

We are in the process of developing the playground at the moment. You will start to see some changes soon! Hopefully that will include bike racks! We would love to install a trim trail on the field; however our budget will not stretch that far at the moment. We will consider this for future plans though. I know that some children miss being able to play football at playtime on the playground, but there really isn't enough room for them to do so safely now we have so many children on roll. However children have the space during the warmer months when the field is in use. Thurlstone will be hosting Penistone Children's Choir next academic year which will provide fantastic opportunities for all our interested and budding singers.

We have taken on board past parental requests for more sporting clubs and we are now providing more sporting opportunities; particularly as the weather improves. We are keen to include as many children as possible in our after school clubs but days on which they can take place do depend on the teachers availability. We make every effort to provide arts based clubs but do rely on the willingness of staff to offer clubs in their free, unpaid time and their expertise. If parents are willing to support us by providing their time and expertise for afterschool club please get in touch. The online prospectus is up to date but is only a summary of the main school prospectus. If you don't have a copy of this, you can get one from the school's Information Station. We will look into the purchase of a notice board for the playground – a great idea!