

Parent Questionnaire – January 2020

It's questionnaire time! We really do value your views so 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

42 RETURNED FORMS.

Question	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvem ent	N/A	DON'T KNOW
My child is happy at school.	33	7	2			
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	30	19	1	1		1
I believe my child is making good progress.	28	13	1			
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	36	6				
Children's behaviour is good.	29	13				
I believe my child is taught well.	37	5				
Staff are friendly, approachable and helpful.	37	5				
The school is well led and managed.	37	5				
School provides appropriate homework.	26	13	2	1		
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	30	11	1			
The school takes good care of my child.	34	7	1			
The school provides good sports provision (competitions/extracurricular/PE)	24	12	6			
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, Facebook, Twitter, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service)	31	10	1			
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors	29	7	4	2		
I would recommend the school to others.	39	3				

These are overwhelmingly positive responses and we are really happy that you feel we are doing a good job.

We know that the question relating to homework will always produce a wider range of responses as everyone has their own specific views about what constitutes 'appropriate' homework. It's good to see that the majority of you feel we have the balance right, and hope that those of you who would prefer a different approach understand that it is a very difficult job getting it spot on for everyone.

Similar can also be said for the question relating to sport provision. Once again, most are really happy with what we aim to provide here at school. We are trying all the time to widen the range of competitions on offer through P4Sport and after school clubs. We hope that you will understand how difficult this is with limited resources. If you have the skill and inclination to support afterschool activities, please get in touch.

We agree that our outdoor areas continue to need improvements; and plans are in place to further develop the 'old allotment' area. We have a working party of keen parents who will be getting busy later in the spring and summer term, so please let school know if you'd like to join in – the more people involved the more work we can get done!

Having shared these responses with the staff, we are as proud as punch to know that you feel the school is well led, well managed, and a happy and friendly place for you and your children to be. We are thrilled that you all feel children are well taught and that children are well behaved and safe in school. It's great to know that our hard work is noticed and appreciated!

Many thanks for taking time to fill in the questionnaire – we will definitely take on board your ideas for the future which will be discussed in one of our spring term staff meetings.

Please keep reading to see specific comments and ideas.

WE ASKED.....What has been the highlight of the year so far? What do you think we do well?

YOU SAID.....

Harvest concert was fab.

The Nativity was brilliantly organised. My child enjoyed the pantomime. Best of all I really appreciate how much time and effort my child's class teachers put into teaching my child and ensuring he is appropriately challenged for his level of learning.

The Enterprise event

Open door policy is excellent

Crucial Crew trip

Fundraising – fun events for kids

Improving confidence in maths.

You truly deserve to have 'Outstanding' as a school – thanks you for providing a brilliant education.

Young Voices and the Christmas play.

Well informed via email and texts etc

The P4Sport sessions are really turning out very well – I just hope they grow in popularity so we can keep going. We loved craft club and would welcome more opportunities to join more after school clubs.

Young Voices – my child had the BEST time ever – it was a fab opportunity. The Christmas concert was wonderful too.

Thank you for your hard work.

The Christmas play.

Happy with how well our child has settled.

Visibility and availability of the Headteacher before and after school.

Office staff are very helpful, caring and welcoming towards all.

Our child loves his teachers and mostly enjoys school.

I was so impressed with the thoughtful present my child's teacher sent home at Christmas – it was really special.

Really engaging and creative homework tasks which gets checked weekly. What a fabulous teacher she is.

The children are taught about a wide range of current issues and how they impact the future.

The children are given a wide variety of opportunities in which to develop their self-esteem.

Strong encouragement for all children at all times.

My child walking out of school every day with a big smile on her face.

Kingswood, Bikeability and Young Voices

Support for our child through emotional development.

The school mines a rich source of talent with regards to staff – well done.

The Christmas concerts are always a testament to the work and passion of the staff and children.

You're good at keeping us informed about how well my child is going and always encouraging on progress we can do at home. My child has had a very positive start to school.

My child has progressed with absolute encouragement to achieve and A1 – he is super proud and so am I. he feels like he can keep trying hard.

Seeing our shy boy adjust so well to the transition to school and develop so well. Harvest and the nativity demonstrated the change in his confidence and how happy he is at school.

Besides the great teaching, we like the way the school looks out to develop social skills and confidence through Social Speaking – genius!

P4Sport events – I just wish they weren't only on Thursday as we can come on that day. The NSPCC- very important message to send to kids in that age bracket. They need to hear it at school as well as at home.

The range of extra-curricular activities after school is brilliant. I love how you are encouraging all children, but girls in particular, to be active and to find sports/exercise that they enjoy. The new lunchtime sports activities sound great.

Special mention assemblies are lovely, especially because they acknowledge such a wide range of talents and behaviours.

The Christmas plays are extraordinary - always such a joy.

Thank you to all the staff for the hard work they put in to support the children - it truly is a wonderful school.

Young Voices! I like that not just a child's academic ability is showcased.

I love watching the children's plays and going to the carol concert. I think that all of the above and other things that are done for the children of all ages are really done well by all.

Accessible and open to discuss concerns and try strategies to address them.

A SUMMARY OF AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OUR RESPONSE:

- **Explore site security** – *this has already been raised and is currently in the hands of the Local Authority and should be actioned soon.*
- **More construction in the FS outdoor learning area** – *we'll have a look and see what is needed.*
- **Keep on increasing sports for all abilities and after school clubs** – *as P4Sport grows, so will sporting opportunities. We urge children to join in more with the after school events at PGS on Thursdays. We have a wide range of after school clubs which will vary over the course of the year. We are limited to how many we can offer due to availability of staff.*
- **P4Sport events on different days**- *Thursday is the only day that Mr Foster is employed to organise and carry out P4Sport events.*
- **Please put the Shuttle on the website or online somewhere so if it's lost we can download it** – *good idea! We'll do that!*
- **Mandatory homework in Y2**- *we try to provide a balance for our families when it comes to homework. We prefer children to focus on basic skills so that they can be mastered. Reading is of high importance to us as a homework task.*
- **To be able to watch the guitar gig at Christmas as my child practiced so hard** – *yes – this is a good idea. We'll make sure parents are invited from now on.*
- **More outdoor provision; the dens are lovely but could there be more for them to explore**- *there are plans in place to develop the old nature area. Work will be taking place in the spring as weather improves. If anyone would like to help, just ask.*
- **Equipment out at break times** – *we have done this in the past, unfortunately equipment gets broken and mistreated and school cannot afford to replace things as frequently as needed. We do have some equipment that is used in the warmer months.*
- **We would like to see more P.E/Sports choices**- *children have 2 P.E lessons each week and many sports are covered over the course of the year. P4Sport provides opportunities for all ages to participate in a wide range of sports and after school and during school time.*
- **What's happened to the plastic bottle wall that was planned?** – *Miss Little was in charge of the Eco-brick project so this job will be taken on by another member of staff after Easter.*
- **More outside events that bring other surrounding schools together** – *We have some exciting events planned that will tick this box in the summer term.*
- **Ideas about how we can support our child with phonics and numbers** – *we'll discuss this in a staff meeting soon.*
- **My child has missed running club** – *We'll look at how we can get running club back on to the after school club timetable.*
- **Improve the outside play sections** – *we would love to make further improvements, however our budget remains tight so improvements have to be funded by fundraising and PTA activities and this takes time. We have some plans in place for the old allotment area which should be starting to take shape in the spring and summer terms.*
- **Could Special Mentions parents be made aware earlier?** – *We understand that for some more notice would be better, however children are chosen for a Special Mention based upon their week in school, so when choosing the children need to have as much of the week under their belt as possible.*