



Fourlanesend Community Primary School



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Parental Survey results

Survey undertaken in February 2016 with 47 respondents.

Many thanks to all those parents who contributed. Governors and staff will be reviewing together all comments raised.

Parents Survey Questions - Feb 2016	% who agreed
My child feels happy at this school	96%
My child feels safe at this school	96%
My child is making good progress at this school	93%
My child is well looked after at this school	100%
My child is taught well at this school	94%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	81%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	100%
This school deals effectively with bullying	100%
This school is well led and managed	93%
I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress	85%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	93%
I would recommend this school to another parent	93%

Pupils Survey results

Survey undertaken in February 2016 with 92 respondents

Pupils also provided written answers to a further set of questions that will be considered by the staff and governors. Many thanks to the children for their contribution and honesty.

Pupils Survey Questions - Feb 2016	% who agreed
I feel happy at this school	98%
I feel safe at this school	96%
I am making good progress at this school	97%
I am well looked after at this school	100%
I am well taught at this school	98%
I receive appropriate homework for my age	92%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	99%
This school deals effectively with bullying	100%
I would recommend this school to another child	99%

Things parents like about the school

- All pupils are so well behaved
- Good headteacher presence at the start and end of day – always a smile
- A super little school
- Good website
- Excellent parent/teacher relationship
- Caring, approachable, helpful teachers (3)
- Looks after the needs of individual children
- Teacher always makes sure the child is happy following an upset
- Good feedback given (3)
- All concerns are dealt with quickly (2)
- Loved the Winter-wonderland.
- Like the values based approach and use this at home for behaviour management
- Delighted with the progress, social skills and friendships our daughter has developed at this school. Thank you to all the staff who work so hard

- Projects like kit car, beach tribe, London trip and Eden trip all excellent (3)
- My child has progressed loads, I love the school (2)
- Impressed at inclusive and considerate nature of school regarding other faiths
- Individual concerns are dealt with (3)
- My child enjoys the teaching and enthusiasm
- I have recommended this school to others (2)
- 'Answers on a postcard' great way of doing homework
- Homework is appropriate (4)
- Love the collaboration with the Rame peninsula
- Appreciate this survey
- Excellent care for the children during school trips

Communication

2 parents requested termly progress updates

We do offer termly parents evenings for updates and we have our open door policy which means you can make an appointment to see the class teacher at any time. Some parents make good use of this system.

3 parents felt there was not enough time on parents evenings

Please remember our open door policy, if you'd ever like a longer consultation with a teacher just make an appointment.

1 parent wanted more notice on events

Please see our weekly newsletter for information on events and in addition we send out text messages to inform parents. We do find if we send letters out too far in advance we get no response or parents forget.

1 parent suggested staff photos on the website

As part of security we do not put any member of staff's photograph on the website in the same way as we do not put your child's name and photograph together. All new staff are introduced via newsletter and in Friday assembly.

1 parent suggested a more engaging Friday assembly

Friday assembly is about celebrating what children have done in the week. Unfortunately we do not have time to put on performances, there are opportunities where we are able to invite parents into school to showcase our work and talents.

1 parent enquired about the school PTA

We would be delighted if parents would reform the PTA and plan meetings at a time where teachers could attend then we would be able to fully support it.

Teaching and learning

3 parents commented they would like more consideration for more able pupils.

We scrutinise books on a regular basis and it is very unusual that any child gets everything right. All staff have challenge questions prepared which assess a deeper understanding of their learning and allow time for application. We find that a few children race through their work and may report to you that they finish really quickly. Our expectations are that children at this level should be regularly checking using the inverse operation in maths and or editing and improving their grammar, vocab and punctuation in English, this is now part of the new curriculum fostering independent learning. Any child racing through is then asked to re-do work. The new curriculum is all about the depth of application and not breadth for example previously if a child could multiply a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number the next step would be to multiply a 2 digit by a 2 digit number. Now children are expected to show their understanding of 2 digit by 1 digit through problem solving.

8 parents requested more cooking, art, swimming or outdoor learning

We are a maintained school and have to follow the national curriculum. We ensure the curriculum we deliver is broad and balanced. We do our very best to offer cooking, kit car building, outdoor learning etc. We plan our curriculum to make best opportunity of any projects and/or events that arise throughout the term. We plan our topics based on the interests of the children and what is happening locally and nationally. We are further developing our grounds to make the best use of them through the summer and the autumn term. If you look on our school website you can find more details of what is covered. There are also more details of what has been happening in school in the Head teacher's report to Governors which can also be found on the website under Governors.

1 parent had concerns about testing

In regards to testing we prepare the children for the tests to ensure they feel confident and ready when the tests are administered in order for them to fulfil their potential.

The school has adopted a new approach to whole school curriculum – please see more on our website. To end our current topic "What makes our world wonderful?" we are going to be opening a museum on the 29th April, to which everyone will be invited and we hope you enjoy it.

1 parent had concerns about too much religion

We follow statutory guidelines on religious education in the UK. We deliver 1 hour of RE in each class each week and we take

part in Open the book assembly which is attended by Classes Cremyll, Tamar and Lynher; Class Argyll hold their own assembly during this time.

Leadership and management

3 parents raised concerns about the number of supply/different class teachers

With the new curriculum and the new assessment system there has been a greater amount of training required for teachers. It is vital that all teachers undertake training to take on new initiatives.

3 parents felt that their concerns were not always properly addressed

We have an open door policy for you to raise concerns, if you feel your concern has not been addressed then please make an appointment with the appropriate member of staff.

Homework

10 parents expressed concerns about homework

We have introduced a new homework policy which ensures all children have the same learning opportunities. No child ever misses a whole break or lunch time. Please see our homework policy on the school website for more details. We embrace whole school homework as and when the opportunity arises.

Some parents were concerned that homework is too easy; some thought it was too hard. A large majority of parents fully supported our homework policy. It's also worth noting that 84 out of 92 children agreed that their homework was appropriate for them. 81% of parents agreed that their child receive homework that is appropriate for their age.

Premises and health and safety

2 parents requested a seating area around Plym.

The school has recently employed a handyman, we are currently refurbishing all areas around school and we will look into building a seating area near class Plym. The main parent shelter is also currently undergoing refurbishment; we are awaiting the arrival of the new panels.

1 parent raised concerns about road safety.

Staff and governors discussed the road safety issues in depth. Comparisons have been made to other schools and on the whole our site traffic issues are better than most. The fact that the bus usually pulls right across the road limits the danger and because of the congestion all vehicles are moving slowly.

1 parent raised concerns about school dinners

All comments about the school dinners and dining hall will be passed on to Chartwells.

Miscellaneous

2 parents suggested more clubs

We respond to children's requests for clubs. To deliver more clubs we require parent volunteers. If you have any skills please let the office know.

1 parent expressed concerns about rewarding 100% attendance

Attendance is important for the children's attainment and the school has a policy for rewarding good attendance.

1 parent suggested a buddy system

Excellent idea, a buddy system for EYFS will be investigated next year.

