

HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL – Parental Questionnaire Results and Action Points 2016

Dear Parents

Thank you for taking the time to complete the school's questionnaire sent out in July 2016. We were very pleased to receive your feedback and constructive comments. We received 163 responses which is a 60% return and an increase of 6% on the previous year. Your comments and responses have been shared with all teaching staff and taken into account when deciding the school's development plan for 2016/17 and future action to be taken.

From the responses received:

- 99.4% of you agreed that your child is happy at this school with 0.6% ticking the "don't know" box
- 98.8% of you agreed that your child feels safe at this school with 0.6% ticking the "don't know box" and 0.6% disagreeing
- 98.2% of you agreed that your child makes good progress at this school with 1.8% ticking the "don't know" box.
- 98.8% of you agreed that your child is well looked after at this school with 0.6% ticking the "don't know" box and 0.6% disagreeing
- 98.8% of you agreed that your child is taught well at this school with 1.2% ticking the "don't know" box
- 93.3% of you agreed that your child receives appropriate homework, 3% didn't know and 3.6% disagreed
- 98.8% of you agreed that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved, 1.2% disagreed
- 86.5% of you agreed that this school deals effectively with bullying, 12% stated they didn't know due to lack of experience of it and 1.2% disagreed (does not add to 100% due to rounding)
- 98.8% agreed that the school is well led and managed and 1.2% disagreed
- 91.4% agreed that the school responds well to any concern raised, 7.2% stated they didn't know due to lack of experience and 1.2% disagreed (does not add to 100% due to rounding)
- 97% agreed that the school provides valuable information about your child's progress, 1.8% did not know and 1.2% disagreed.
- 98.8% of you agreed that you would recommend this school to another parent, 1.2% disagreed

0.6% is equivalent to one person

We are delighted with this feedback and thank you for the support you have given and shown to Hursthead Infant School.

We do, however, as always, seek to improve and strive for excellence. We have, therefore, prioritised the following area in response to your feedback.

School sets appropriate homework – 93.3% agreed, 3% did not know and 3.6% disagreed

- This is always a more contentious area. In the "other comments" box at the bottom of the questionnaire homework was commented on more than any other aspect of school life, including "more varied homework", "too much homework", "extremely repetitive homework" and "high volume of homework". The comments did appear to relate to a particular Year Group. Finding the balance is tricky for the school as I am sure you will all appreciate – changes had been made in 2015/2016 in response to previous parental feedback that there needed to be more homework with greater structure. Following the 2016 parental feedback I have liaised closely with the Year Groups in order to review homework provision and parent/school communication over it. Please do remember that homework is not compulsory and if you have any queries or concerns do not hesitate in approaching the class teacher or myself.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to let us know how much they appreciated the dedication and commitment of the whole school staff. There were many very lovely comments, which again I have shared with the staff. Please be assured that your feedback and views are greatly valued and don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher over any matter.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Driscoll
Headteacher