

East Harling Primary School and Nursery



'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together'

Parents' Questionnaire March 2014

Summary of results

Comments ranked according to frequency; **red more than ten comments**, **blue more than 5**, black less than 5 (* single comments). Comments referring to specific matters or individuals have not been referred to but have been included within the general statements where appropriate. Specific issues will be followed up in school.

The school received 95 responses to the parent questionnaire (43% of children)

Not all totals equal 100% this is due to rounding and the fact that some responses were spoiled or left blank.

Our school	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
My child enjoys school	62%	35%	3%		
The school is welcoming	60%	40%			
The school keeps my child safe	62%	36%	2%		
The children at the school are well behaved	44%	46%	5%		5%
My child feels happy to approach an adult if they have any worries or concerns	53%	38%	2%		2%
My child enjoys playtimes and lunchtimes	59%	39%	1%	1%	
The school listens to the views of pupils	42%	46%	2%		9%
The school encourages my child to have a healthy lifestyle	46%	45%	3%		4%
The school is well led and managed	59%	41%			
Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School staff are friendly and welcoming</i> • <i>A few parents expressed concerns about how queries were dealt with through the school office</i> • <i>Two parents expressed concerns about the behaviour of children in other classes (and referred to bullying)</i> • <i>Junior playtimes not always inclusive if you do not play football*</i> 					

Teaching and learning	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
The teaching is good at this school	59%	41%			
My child is making good progress	58%	41%			1%
The school meets my child's particular needs	51%	47%			2%
My child finds lessons interesting and enjoyable	52%	46%	2%		1%
My child's learning is supported by homework	41%	53%	2%	1%	3%

Comments

- *More interesting homework tasks*
- *A few parents expressed concerns that there was too much homework / not enough*
- *A few parents expressed concerns about the number of children in class four*
- *More interesting homework tasks*
- *Read Write Inc working really well*
- *Class Four has too many children*
- *More active/outdoor learning in Nursery*

- *Too much Read Write Inc**
- *How interesting my child finds lessons can depend upon the adult**
- *Not enough Teaching Assistants*

Working with parents	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
The school keeps me informed of my child's progress	36%	55%	6%	2%	
The school helps me to support my child's learning	36%	62%	1%		
We/I feel happy approaching school staff with any questions or concerns	54%	44%	1%		
The school keeps us up to date with what is happening in school	48%	51%	2%		
The school listens to the views of parents	32%	55%	1%		12%
We/I understand the roles and responsibilities of the governing body	29%	57%	6%		6%

Comments

- *Would like more updates on child's progress*
- *Read Write Inc course was really helpful/useful*
- *School has always dealt with any concerns/issues in a really prompt and satisfactory manner*
- *Harling Herald really good*
- *Parentmail/text messages work really well**

School meals (73 responses)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
My child eats a healthy meal when they have a school dinner	27%	47%	14%	7%	11%
School meals represent good value for money	19%	45%	22%	5%	14%

Comments

- *Jacket potato option is too expensive*
- *Meals often poorly cooked*
- *Portion size too small*
- *Meals are too expensive*
- *It would be good to see more fruit based desserts*
- *More healthy meals*
- *Poor menu*
- *Poor quality of ingredients used in meals*
- *Menu is not always stuck too**
- *Qu raised about why were drinks removed from sale? **
- *Pupils should have better quality water to drink**

For Nursery and Reception Parents Only (26 responses)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Prior to starting in Nursery/Reception my child had enough opportunities to get to know the adults and the class	50%	46%	4%		
We/I had enough opportunities to get to know the Nursery/Reception before my child started	42%	54%		4%	
We/I felt happy approaching school staff with any questions or concerns before my child	50%	46%	4%		

started					
My child quickly settled when they began Nursery/Reception	62%	35%	4%		

Please tell us about what worked well when your child began Nursery/Reception

- *Staggered entry into class/small groups at the beginning worked really well*
- *Good Nursery to Reception transition*
- *Good that the Reception teacher visited my child in their EYFS setting*
- *Nursery home visit worked really well*
- *Open evening really useful*
- *Friendly staff*

What could we have done to smooth the transition process even further?

- *Nothing!*
- *Induction/Open evening earlier in the year for new parents*
- *Helpful if Nursery door was open earlier in the mornings to enable staggered beginning*
- *Full time start to Reception to help working parents**
- *Full time earlier in Nursery **
- *More information about how to purchase uniform **

What do you consider to be the strengths of our school?

- *Strong/enthusiastic teaching staff*
- *Happy, welcoming environment*
- *Strong sense of community/family feel to the school*
- *Well behaved and polite children*
- *Strong headteacher / leadership of the school*
- *Caring/approachable staff*
- *Individuals valued/ all the staff know the children well/the school does its best for the children*
- *Good communication*
- *Broad curriculum*
- *Class Two's Blog*
- *Good parent links*
- *New children settle really quickly*
- *Nursery part of the school*
- *Whole school topic/the summer whole school topic*
- *Open to new ideas*
- *School encourages independence/ pupils to be learners*
- *The Den*
- *Community links*
- *High standards*
- *Cluster links*

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How would you like to see the school develop in the future?

- *More free after school clubs*
- *Wider variety of non-sporting clubs*
- *More open evenings*
- *More music lessons (such as different musical instruments offered)*
- *More art, drama and music*
- *More PE in the curriculum*
- *Greater links with other schools over seas**

- *More opportunities for gardening/nature/learning outside of the classroom**
- *School dinners*
- *More information about progress*
- *More cluster/competitive sports events*
- *Reduce larger class sizes*
- *Working with the community*
- *More opportunities for parents to come into school/Reading cafes for all classes*

Have you accessed our website? Yes

We are continually in the process of developing our website and would appreciate any suggestions from parents about what they would like to see included.

- *Blogs for every class like Class Two's*
- *Update the website more often*
- *Promote more*
- *More about what the children are learning*
- *Downloadable forms*
- *More about e safety*
- *Information about school uniform**
- *Links to support learning**
- *Suggestion box**
- *More children's work/displays**

Thank you for completing our questionnaire, please return to school in a sealed envelope.