

Parental Questionnaire – Autumn 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

During our Autumn Term, we sent a questionnaire out to our parents and carers, asking them to consider their child's experience over the last academic year as well as this year when completing the questionnaire. The questions we used are those asked by Ofsted under the ParentView website.

Thank you so much for your questionnaire responses and also for the written comments that some of you sent in. Out of the 99 questionnaires sent out, we received 49 responses, which is a return rate of 49.5%.

The responses are given below. They have been put into a chart which is provided at the end of this report. This chart has also been shared with the Governing Body of Rothbury First School.

Summary:	a	b	c	d	e
1. My child is happy at this school.	43	6	0	0	0
2. My child feels safe at this school.	42	7	0	0	0
3. My child makes good progress at this school.	37	9	1	0	2
4. My child is well looked after at this school.	43	6	0	0	0
5. My child is taught well at this school.	41	7	0	0	1
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	34	12	1	0	1
7. This school makes sure that its pupils are well behaved.	40	7	0	0	1
8. This school deals effectively with bullying.	22	6	0	0	19
9. This school is well led and managed.	34	9	0	0	3
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	31	10	0	0	7
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	33	13	3	0	0
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?	40	7	0	0	1

a = strongly agree

b = agree

c = disagree

d = strongly disagree

e = don't know

This year we have introduced three parent consultation events rather than our previous two. We hope that the information given out at these consultations will keep you informed about your child's progress and how you can help your child at home. We are also trialling a number of different homework initiatives in maths: Prodigy games, TimesTable Rockstars, 'We love maths' home activity books. Please let us know what you think of these.

Many people are not aware of how well we deal with bullying. Did you know that we have an AntiBullying Lead in school, Helen Duffield, who is also one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads? If an incident occurs in school which might fall into a bullying category, then this is thoroughly investigated by Helen under our AntiBullying Policy - please see the policies section on our website for further details. As Headteacher, I am kept informed of the investigation and, if bullying was deemed to have taken place, parents are also informed; children are supported, consequences put in place and the situation is actively monitored. We also have a continuous programme of preventative work to support children to follow our Rothbury

promises, underpinned by the ethos of respect for all. If you have any further questions about this, please speak to either Helen or myself.

Similarly, people may not be aware of how we deal with concerns. We have a formal Complaints Procedure, which you can find on our website, however we do aim to resolve any concerns raised through informal dialogue with yourselves at the start/end of each day, and through parent meetings and termly consultations.

Is our school well led and managed? Our Governing Body has ten members, eight of whom are non-staff and who voluntarily give their time to support the school. Our Governing Body and Headteacher are supported in turn by the Local Authority, in particular by our School Improvement Partner (SIP). As part of the Local Authority's 'support and challenge' to schools, our school receives three termly visits by the SIP who makes judgements as to the effectiveness of the school. Since our most recent Ofsted (Jan 2015), the judgements for Leadership and Management for the school have been 'Good'. We are very pleased with this judgement!

We hope that you have found this information of interest. If you have any comments about the questionnaire results, please don't hesitate to bring them to the attention of your child's class teacher and/or to me.

Kind regards,
Nicki Mathewson

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