



Parent Questionnaire Summer 2018

		Strongly Agree/Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	I don't know
1	The school provides a rich and interesting curriculum that helps my child to learn.	100%		
2	The school provides a good range of extra activities (for example themed weeks, trips and visitors, after-school activities)	85%	9%	4%
3	The school keeps my child safe and provides a good level of care and support.	100%		
4	My child enjoys school.	100%		
5	My child is confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them.	96%	2%	2%
6	The school helps my child have a healthy lifestyle (for example free fruit/veg in KS1, water bottles in class, PE lessons).	100%		
7	My child finds school meals enjoyable.	80%	15%	6%
8	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	61%	17%	22%
9	The school's systems of rewarding and praising children are effective.	100%		
10	The school makes sure that my child is prepared for the future (for example when starting school, changing year group or changing school).	93%		7%
11	My child is making good progress at this school.	98%	2%	
12	The school informs me of my child's progress and achievements. (Examples of this are parent consultations, reports, comments on homework, reading diaries and certificates).	98%	2%	
13	The teaching is good at this school.	100%		
14	The school helps me to support my child's learning (for example the curriculum letter and parent workshops etc.).	100%		
15	I understand the homework expectations in my child's year group.	91%	2%	7%
16	The school tackles any discrimination, racism and inequalities well.	69%	7%	24%

17	Communication with / from the school is good, it takes account of my concerns and answers my queries (for example, newsletters, office staff and email).	100%		
18	I understand the role of the school governors.	72%	19%	9%
19	The school is led and managed well.	98%	2%	
20	I have a positive relationship with the school.	98%	2%	
21	Overall I am happy with my child's experience at school.	94%		4%
22	I would recommend this school to other families.	98%		2%

Some general comments received included:

- We feel very lucky to be able to give our son the opportunity of attending Abbots Ripton School. It has such a relaxed, positive, kind atmosphere with great teaching.
- Your school is superb and the teachers, staff and leadership are incredible in the ways they care for my child.
- Overall this is an excellent school and I am please my child is spending her primary school years here.
- Staff are always helpful and attentive.
- We really feel our son is well cared for by everyone and he is very happy. He is truly inspired and motivated to learn.
- The school environment is bright, positive and friendly. Our son is always enthusiastic to be going to school, he loves his teachers and always wants to pass on the knowledge he has gained, to us, at the end of the day. He thinks his teachers are wonderful!
- This school is led strongly and this filters down to the staff. All staff are interested in their own career pathway. I like this; it means they are hungry for more and not a stagnated teacher!

Some comments received about why so many families choose Abbots Ripton instead of their catchment school:

- Smaller, more family feel that our local school. Also, very good reputation and highly recommended.
- Small school community feel.
- We find there is a real 'community feel' at the school and amongst the parents.
- Abbots Ripton had a very good reputation for being a small, caring and considerate school – our expectations have been more than met.
- Because the school fitted our needs perfectly. We were looking for a safe nurturing environment for our children.
- Originally unable to get into local school and had seen Abbots Ripton and liked it. Have since moved but still out of catchment. Wouldn't want to take our son away from this excellent school with excellent staff.
- We chose the school because of its very good reputation and previous positive experiences of other family members.
- We were unable to attend the open day and the school were more than happy to let us come and look round on a different day. All staff were very welcoming and the children in school were well mannered. The feel of the school was a large part of us picking it.
- Positive recommendations from parents of the school at the time we applied. The school has more than met those standards.
- The school is well run and managed, pastoral care is excellent. Teachers are dedicated. For us academic performance is secondary to stability and community and we love the family feel of it.
- We like how Abbots Ripton is a small school so the interaction between staff, pupils and parents /cares is very strong.