

HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

Parental Questionnaire Results July 2015

Thank you to all parents, who contributed to the Parent questionnaire sent out in July 2015. We are very pleased to receive your feedback and constructive comments. We received 146 responses which is a 54% return and a slight increase on previous years. Your comments and responses have been shared with all teaching staff and taken into account when determining the school's priorities for 2015/16.

From the responses received (0.7% is equivalent to one person):

- 100% of parents agreed that their child is happy at this school
- 99.3% of parents agreed that their child feels safe at this school with 0.7 % ticking the don't know box
- 100% of parents agreed that their child makes good progress at this school
- 100% of parents agreed that their child is well looked after at this school
- 100% of parents agreed that their child is taught well at this school
- 92% of parents agreed that their child receives appropriate homework, 5% didn't know and 3% disagreed
- 99% of parents agreed that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved, 1% disagreed
- 90% of parents agreed that this school deals effectively with bullying, 10% stated they didn't know due to lack of experience of it
- 100% agreed that the school is well led and managed
- 97% agreed that the school responds well to any concern raised, 3% stated they didn't know due to lack of experience and 0.7% disagreed (does not add to 100% due to rounding)
- 97.9% agreed that the school provides valuable information about their child's progress, 0.7% did not know and 1.4% disagreed.
- 100% of parents agreed that they would recommend this school to another parent

We are delighted with this feedback and thank parents for the support they have given over the academic year.

We do, however, as always, seek to improve and strive for excellence. We have therefore, prioritised areas in response to this feedback.

Information regarding individual child's progress – 97.9% agreed, 0.7% didn't know, 1.4% disagreed

- We are aware and understand that many parents wish for greater information regarding their child's progress. We currently do offer parent consultations and open afternoons in the Autumn and Spring Term and an open afternoon and individual report in the Summer Term. We also operate a genuine 'open door' policy and would want any parent, who wished for more information to contact the class teacher, either making an appointment after school or asking the teacher to telephone at a convenient time. We have discussed as a staff other ways we can offer more information in regard to pupil's progress that is meaningful, including sharing the pupil's latest "next steps" in their learning ("challenges" as the school refers to them) more regularly throughout the year and inviting parents in to school informally to look with their child at their work ("Thumbs up time"). We will ask for parental feedback over the year.

School sets appropriate homework – 92% agreed, 5% did not know and 3% 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 fun and varied homework", " I would like homework sheets", "More feedback on homework", "more homework during the holidays" and " less homework to aid more family time". Finding the balance is, at times tricky, for the school as I am sure parents will all appreciate. Following your feedback each Year Group will review the homework being set and parent/ school communication over it. Homework will be systematically set for Maths, English and Thematic work and kept in a discrete Homework book for Years 1 and 2.

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 wonderful comments of which we were very proud.