



Parental Questionnaire Feedback

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Dear Families,

Thankyou to everyone who completed the recent school questionnaire. We received 38 responses (about 10% of our parent body and 16% of the pupil body). Although this is a relatively low responses rate meaning it is difficult to know if the percentages of “agree / disagree” responses are representative of all your views, analysing the outcomes has been a very useful and in some cases thought provoking exercise.

The results are outlined below along with a narrative explaining the school’s position on each aspect.

Strongly Agree / Agree	Strongly Disagree / Disagree	Don’t know / Not applicable
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1. My child is happy at this school		
87% (33)	11% (4)	3% (1)
2. My child feels safe at this school		
84% (32)	11% (4)	5% (2)
I am pleased that the majority of those who responded said that their children feel happy and safe in school but also very sorry that there are 4 families who do not agree. If there is anything I can do to support your child, please do make an appointment to see me.		

3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved		
78% (29)	18% (7)	5% (2)
We aim to work with all our children to achieve good conduct and learning behaviour, and while sometimes individual children may need some additional support to manage their behaviour; the school environment is overwhelmingly calm and settled. You can read more about our approaches to behaviour management in the policies section on the school website here . If you have any specific concerns about behaviour in school, please call in to speak to me or another staff member.		
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively		
27% (10)	22% (8)	53% (20)
Our firm intent is that we take every reported incidence of bullying seriously; and indeed, fallouts and arguments which we know can also make children very unhappy. The children know they can talk to Mrs Snape or me about anything that is worrying them or they can post a note in the worry box in the hall which we check daily. We will meet with children who report bullying or friendship issues, give them time and space to talk to us, support them in being assertive and telling the perpetrator to stop and keep in touch daily to check in with them until they feel confident to manage without adult support. We let parents of both victims and perpetrators of bullying know what is happening and consequences are put in place for any unkind behaviour.		

We also aim to give all children the confidence to stand up for themselves and to seek help when this does not work. The system we use is outlined below and this is on display in classrooms and available in paper copy for children to pick up from the school hall:

What should you do if someone is behaving in a way that is upsetting you?
Politely and firmly ask them to stop. For example: <i>“Please stop chasing me. I don’t like it and I want you to stop doing it.”</i>
If this does not work and you are outside then you should....
Tell a grown up on duty.
If this does not work then you should....
Tell your class teacher when you get back into class, but if you are worried and cannot wait, go straight inside and find a member of staff.
If you still feel worried when you get home, then you should...
Tell a grown up at home and ask them to call or email school straightaway.

The questionnaire is anonymous but if you are one of the 8 parents who responded that you did not feel school had dealt with a bullying incident effectively, please do feel free to get in touch with me directly. I would really like to meet you and see what we can learn to ensure all our children and their families feel safe in school.

You can read more about our approaches to bullying in the policies section on the school website [here](#).

5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year		
79% (30)	21% (8)	***
There is a wealth of information about our curriculum on the school website here on the "Curriculum" page and also on the individual class pages which can be found on the home page here . However, I will reflect on the fact that some of you do not feel fully informed about the curriculum and ensure that I more clearly signpost families to the information available on these pages.		

6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly		
76% (29)	18% (7)	5% (2)
As in every organisation, there may be occasions when you may disagree with a decision made in school. If you ever feel that we have not resolved something satisfactorily, please do make an appointment to come and see me and I will make every effort to resolve things. There is also a Trust level Complaints Policy available on the school website here which will support you if you ever feel that I have not dealt with any issue satisfactorily.		

7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEN)		
Yes - 17% (7)	No - 83% (31)	***
8. My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed		
71% (5)	29% (2)	***
If you have any concerns at all about the support given to your child, please contact our school SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) Ms Caroline Sutherland at carolinec12@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk and she will make an appointment to see you as soon as possible.		

9. The school has high expectations for my child		
71% (27)	13% (5)	16% (6)
10. My child does well at this school		
82% (31)	13% (5)	5% (2)
11. The school lets me know how well my child is doing		
82% (31)	16% (6)	3% (1)
<p>Our mission is to have the highest expectations for all our children, not only academically but also with their behaviour and social and emotional health. We hold two parents' evenings each year in addition to the annual written reports which are sent out each summer. However, we have been aware that some families have missed the opportunity to make parents evening appointments, so going forward we will contact everyone individually to ensure they have an appointment.</p> <p>As mentioned previously, if you have any concerns about the provision and support we are offering your child please come in for a chat with their class teacher, Ms Sutherland in her role as SENDCo or with me.</p>		

12. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school		
93% (35)	3% (1)	5% (2)
13. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school		
84% (32)	3% (1)	13% (5)
14. The school supports my child's wider personal development		
73% (27)	13% (5)	16% (6)
<p>I'm very pleased that the majority of you agree that we offer a good range of subjects here as we pride ourselves on our broad, balanced and rich curriculum. While we are committed to ensuring that children learn vital English and Maths skills, we do not allow the curriculum to be squeezed. Right through school children take part in regular music, art, design and sporting activities along with studying science, geography, history, RE, computing and French. We also plan a wide range of enrichment activities with children taking part in at least six trips and workshops each year.</p> <p>Our curriculum goes beyond the academic and focuses on developing children's character and awareness of the wider world around them and their place in that world. We teach values explicitly each week and children's achievements are celebrated in our Friday "Praise" assemblies.</p> <p>After school clubs this term include art, reading, choir, writing club, dance, football, multisports and puzzles and games.</p>		

15. Would you recommend this school to another parent?		
Yes -76% (29)	No - 24% (9)	***
<p>While I am very pleased that three quarters of you would recommend this school, I would also be very interested to know what we can do better for those of you who currently would not recommend us. Please do feel free to call in for a chat or drop me an email at deborahm5@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>		

Thankyou to everyone who took the time to complete this questionnaire. Although it would be lovely if 100% of answers were positive it is also really important that we hear from you and learn about how we can develop the school to be as good as it can be for every child who attends here.

My door is always open so if you want to talk further about any aspects of school life, do call in.

We will share another questionnaire with you soon.

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith