



## Parental Survey April 2021



Thankyou to all the parents who have completed the Parental Survey via Forms. We had 55 responses which is 26% of the school.

Questions	% of Parents who ticked Neutral, Agree or Strongly Agree
My child feels safe at this school	100%
My child is making good progress	100%
The school supports my child if there is a change to staffing	92%
The school meets my child's particular needs	95%
This school ensures my child is well looked after	98%
My child is taught well at this school	98%
This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and maths	95%
There is a good standard of behaviour at this school	87%
My child's lessons are rarely disrupted by bad behaviour	85%
The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively	94%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	94%
The school responds well to my concerns	94%
The school keeps me well informed	94%

Many thanks for all the positive comments that you sent us – we are particularly pleased to hear that you feel the children are safe, that we have a diverse community and that you all love Forest School. Dealing with lockdown

was also viewed in a very positive light and the fact that you feel as a staff that we are friendly and approachable.

Responses to particular comments made:

*Better communication with parents* – We offer a fortnightly newsletter, regular updates to our Twitter feed and the staff are always on the playground at the beginning and end of our school day. We hope that next Academic year we will be able to have parents in school more for assemblies and learning days. If you have any further ideas please share them with us!

*Parents would like the opportunity to discuss our own child's needs* – We operate parents evening twice a year, but if you ever have any concerns about your child's education please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. It is not always possible to speak at the beginning or end of the day, but staff are happy to make appointments to discuss any concerns in greater depth.

*Sometimes a letter is needed if there is a change in information* – We will endeavour to use text or letter to send out information to parents in good time.

*Acknowledgement of parental concerns and appreciation that not all parents are the same* – Please rest assured that all concerns are taken seriously. If you approach your child's class teacher and feel your concerns have not been resolved you may then wish to speak to Mrs Smith if your concern is SEND related or Mrs Bonser. We appreciate that all of our families are different and relish in this.

*During the school holidays homework set should be voluntary at this age* – We are revamping our homework policy and will be sharing this with you in September 2021

*Bring back reading diaries please?* – KS1 classes have reading diaries, we chose to stop using them in KS2 as staff record the children's reading in other ways. However, if your child is in KS2 and you wish to have one please speak to your child's class teacher

*Better management of the disruption in class* – staff have a clear protocol of how to manage behaviour within the class. Whilst it might look like the behaviour is not being managed or it is taking up a lot of time, staff are making

sure that they are working closely with outside agencies to manage children's behaviour and its triggers. Staff will always endeavour to support all children in school which is why each class has at least 1 full time teaching assistant where possible.

*More detailed communication about academic activities in school* - Please see your child's web page on the website as it has all the Knowledge Organisers designed to support their learning

*More training for sporting events* – This has now been regularly timetabled in and will continue to be so next year.

*Smaller class sizes* – Our class sizes are limited to 30 and as schools in Oadby are so sought after it is unlikely class sizes will fall below this.

*Better home school technology – Purple Mash is not easy to use* – If you would like any support on using Purple Mash please contact your child's class teacher

*No Sports day for 3 years* – We cannot guarantee the weather and in the Summer Term pre Covid there are many activities, trips, transitions days, SATS and other things that are happening so that it is difficult just to change the date.

*Inclusion means that all children being treated equally this does not always happen* – We are an inclusive school in every sense of the word. If you feel your child has been treated unfairly then please speak to your child's teacher

*Greater awareness of cultural celebrations* – These are taught alongside the RE lessons and we always encourage the children to talk about any festivals that they may be celebrating.