

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent parent satisfaction survey. 64 parents responded, approximately half of our families, from across the school.

*2) I have child/ren in the following classes:

		Response (%)	Responses
Year R (Red)		13.16	10
Year 1 (Yellow)		13.16	10
Year 2 (Blue)		23.68	18
Year 3 (Purple)		14.47	11
Year 4 (Green)		14.47	11
Year 5 (Silver)		11.84	9
Year 6 (Gold)		9.21	7
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0

3) My child is happy at school:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		40.62	26
Agree		53.12	34
Neutral		3.12	2
Disagree		3.12	2
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		0.00	0
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0

4) My child feels safe at this school:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		34.38	22
Agree		57.81	37
Neutral		6.25	4
Disagree		1.56	1
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		0.00	0
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0

5) My child is well looked after at the school:






		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		39.06	25
Agree		54.69	35
Neutral		3.12	2
Disagree		3.12	2
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		0.00	0
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0

We are very pleased that the vast majority of our parents clearly feel that the school is a happy, safe and caring place. Recent governor monitoring showed that staff feel that safeguarding has improved over the last two years. We are also surveying the children to find out how they feel about school and will be working with the school council to address any areas of concern. A very small number of parents did not respond positively and we would urge any parent who has a concern to come and speak to their child's class teacher.

6) This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		9.38	6
Agree		68.75	44
Neutral		10.94	7
Disagree		3.12	2
Strongly disagree		3.12	2
Don't know		4.69	3
Answered Question			64
Skipped Question			0

7) This school deals effectively with bullying:






		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		6.25	4
Agree		26.56	17
Neutral		20.31	13
Disagree		1.56	1
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		45.31	29
Answered Question			64
Skipped Question			0

Again, we were pleased that the vast majority of parents feel that behaviour is good and bullying is dealt with effectively. The large number of 'don't know' responses indicate that these parents and children have no experience of bullying at Grayshott, and therefore this is also a positive response.

This year there have been a few behaviour issues with a very small number of children which we do not normally experience at Grayshott. We are an inclusive school and have worked hard, in partnership with parents and outside agencies where appropriate, to support children with challenging behaviour. As a result, this has improved greatly since the autumn term.






New initiatives put in to place at lunchtimes, such as our playleaders and involvement of the church youth worker, has also resulted in children being happier and more occupied during this time.

8) This school responds well to any concerns I raise:






		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		12.50	8
Agree		59.38	38
Neutral		20.31	13
Disagree		4.69	3
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		3.12	2
Answered Question			64
Skipped Question			0

We are pleased that parents feel that we are approachable and responsive. The class teacher is always the best person to approach in the first instance, but please feel free to contact any member of the senior leadership team (Mrs Pritchard, Mr Clarke or Mrs Forsyth) if you feel that your concern has not been dealt with.







9) My child is making good progress at this school:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		23.44	15
Agree		51.56	33
Neutral		9.38	6
Disagree		10.94	7
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		4.69	3
Answered Question			64
Skipped Question			0

10) My child is taught well at this school:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		25.40	16
Agree		53.97	34
Neutral		12.70	8
Disagree		4.76	3
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		3.17	2
		Answered Question	63
		Skipped Question	1

11) My child receives appropriate homework for their age:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		4.76	3
Agree		47.62	30
Neutral		28.57	18
Disagree		9.52	6
Strongly disagree		3.17	2
Don't know		6.35	4
		Answered Question	63
		Skipped Question	1






Again, the vast majority of parents responded positively to questions about the quality of teaching and progress. There were a few comments about consistency of teachers. We are conscious that one class has faced disruption due to circumstances beyond our control, but have done everything possible to minimise any impact on the children and to keep parents informed.

One comment requested more information about end of Key Stage assessments earlier in the year; the school made the decision to share this in the Spring term to avoid the possibility of children being put under undue pressure during the year.






Lack of gifted and talented provision was mentioned by one parent. Increasing the percentage of children achieving at greater depth has been a focus for the school this year but this has not taken the form of withdrawal groups. The focus in education now is much more on providing challenge and interest within the class work, enabling children to apply their learning and develop mastery in a wider range of contexts.

Homework is often an issue that divides opinion. Some parents commented that they felt 'pressurised' to ensure that homework is completed whereas several others felt that the current level of homework is insufficient. We are aware that there are currently inconsistencies across the school with how homework is set and this is something we would like to explore with you in greater depth (please see response to questions below about parent forums).






12) This school is well led and managed:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		18.75	12
Agree		59.38	38
Neutral		10.94	7
Disagree		0.00	0
Strongly disagree		1.56	1
Don't know		9.38	6
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0






13) I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		20.63	13
Agree		50.79	32
Neutral		23.81	15
Disagree		3.17	2
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		1.59	1
		Answered Question	63
		Skipped Question	1

14) This school provides me with information to help me support my child's learning at home:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		9.52	6
Agree		47.62	30
Neutral		33.33	21
Disagree		7.94	5
Strongly disagree		0.00	0
Don't know		1.59	1
		Answered Question	63
		Skipped Question	1

15) This school communicates effectively with parents:

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly agree		18.75	12
Agree		64.06	41
Neutral		14.06	9
Disagree		1.56	1
Strongly disagree		1.56	1
Don't know		0.00	0
		Answered Question	64
		Skipped Question	0

Parent responses about the information you receive from the school were generally positive, but with slightly more parents responding 'neither agree or disagree'.

Improving our communication has been another area for development this year. We have reviewed timings of parents evening to try to ensure that these are more informative and ran sessions on supporting reading and on assessment (for Year 1 phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs). The new website is now on-line and parent leaflets about reading have been sent out. We will be producing leaflets for parents on writing and reading in the coming months. We will be reviewing our programme of parent workshops for next year, ensuring that both spelling and maths are included as these were two areas mentioned several times by parents.

One parent suggested that ideas of educational websites and places to visit linked to topics would be helpful – this is a great idea and we will be adding this to our topic overviews from the autumn term.







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16) Would you recommend this school to another parent?






		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		98.28	57
No		1.72	1
		Answered Question	60
		Skipped Question	4

One parent wrote: 'We are lucky to have such a friendly village school' - Thank you!

17) We would like to introduce some parent forum meetings to give parents the opportunity to find out more about what we do in school and to discuss particular issues. Which of the following issues would you be most interested in discussing:

		Response (%)	Responses
Food in school		16.67	9
School grounds		24.07	13
E-safety		11.11	6
Homework		29.63	16
Parents' evening		11.11	6
Other		7.41	4
Answered Question			58
Skipped Question			6

18) What time of day would be easiest for you to attend these discussion groups?

		Response (%)	Responses
9.00am		28.07	16
2.30pm		10.53	6
3.15pm		12.28	7
7.00pm		45.61	26
Other		3.51	2
Answered Question			58
Skipped Question			6

We would like to start our parent forum meetings by starting with a meeting next half term to discuss the topic of homework. We will run 2 sessions – 9am and 7pm, as these are clearly the most popular options. Dates will be given out shortly. We will look at other topics from September and aim to meet with parents termly.

Thank you again for taking part in the survey. We are very pleased that parents' views of the school are so positive and we will continue to listen and take action where things could be improved.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Pritchard
Headteacher