

## Dunton Bassett Primary School

Parent/Carer Survey results - February 2019	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child likes school.	12	10	2	0	0
	<b>92%</b>		<b>8%</b>		
My child feels safe at school.	14	10	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
My child knows who to talk to if they have a problem at school.	10	11	0	0	3
	<b>88%</b>				<b>12%</b>
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on (i.e. parents' meetings, reports, special educational needs (SEND) meetings).	12	12	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
My child is making good progress.	14	8	1	0	1
	<b>92%</b>		<b>4%</b>		<b>4%</b>
Teaching at my child's school is good.	16	8	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions.	10	11	1	0	2
	<b>88%</b>		<b>4%</b>		<b>8%</b>
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a concern.	17	7	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	17	7	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
Most children behave well.	13	9	0	0	2
	<b>92%</b>				<b>8%</b>
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	15	9	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
The school provides appropriate homework.	11	10	1	1	0
	<b>88%</b>		<b>8%</b>		
The school treats my child fairly and with respect.	16	7	0	0	0
	<b>96%</b>				
My child is not bullied at school.	14	10	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	15	8	1	0	0
	<b>96%</b>		<b>4%</b>		
I feel welcome in the school and am encouraged to take part in school activities and events.	19	5	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
I use the newsletter to keep informed of diary dates and significant news / events.	11	13	0	0	0
	<b>100%</b>				
I use the school website to keep informed of diary dates and significant news / events.	9	9	5	1	0
	<b>75%</b>		<b>25%</b>		
The school is led and managed well.	16	7	0	0	1
	<b>96%</b>				<b>4%</b>

### **Strengths of the school or what we do well.**

- It's a very small, nurturing and approachable school.
- Lovely family feeling of a small school.
- Friendly approachable staff.
- Smaller class sizes.
- The community feel I like the way all the children and staff know each other it is very nurturing.
- The warmth, friendliness and enthusiasm.
- Feeling involved with my child's learning.
- The atmosphere in KS1 is always very positive and happy and there is a good sense of teamwork.
- Thank you for all the extra curricular activities.
- The quality of teaching and the passion for encouraging each child to shine is admirable
- A very active PTA
- Great that there are lots of ways for parents to be involved e.g. reading mornings, stay and play, parents reading to class. Teaching is good and developing children well.
- Dunton is a lovely welcoming school. The teaching is great and my child is blossoming. The school is really good at involving parents.
- Good communication.

### **Key Comments/Areas that could be improved are:**

#### **Communication can sometimes be confusing with late notice of events.**

We use a variety of ways to communicate with parents, including school and class newsletters, the school website and text messages. We are also developing our use of social media to share class news and activities with parents. We recognise that different parents access different systems at different times and will endeavour to ensure that communication is not confusing.

Key dates for the year were set in September and are published on the school website and in newsletters. We try not to change dates but occasionally we do have to due to circumstances often beyond our control, we are also, sometimes, invited to participate in extra activities at short notice. We do understand that parents often need to make arrangements and try to give appropriate notice for all events.

#### **More information about the curriculum would be useful/extra - physical activities**

Teachers provide an overview of topics at the beginning of each one and in their weekly newsletters they put some information about areas covered during the week or to be covered in the next week. Further information is also available on the school website. Over the next year we will be reviewing the whole school curriculum and will be sharing this with parents as we develop it.

We follow current guidance that all children should be physically active for 2 hours per week. We do this through planned PE lessons, participation in sporting events, participation in the Daily Mile/daily boost, extra-curricular clubs - before and after school and at lunchtime, active play and lunch times and particularly in KS1 outdoor learning opportunities. We do continue to review our provision and this will be part of the whole school curriculum review over the next year.

#### **Too much homework particularly at KS1.**

We ask all parents to read with children and practise spellings and times tables as they are introduced to the class. To support the homework we have invested in several programmes/apps that can be accessed at home; including Mathletics, Timestables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. Since the introduction of the last two we have noticed a significant improvement in quick recall and accuracy in timetables and spelling for those children who regularly access them. As part of our curriculum review, over the next year, we will also be looking at our homework policy

#### **School dinners – choices, larger portions and quality of food**

School dinners are provided by School Food Service. They are cooked at Gilmorton and transported to Dunton Bassett. If parents have individual concerns about the quality or quantity of food, I would urge them to let us know in the office so that we can share those concerns with the relevant staff at School Food.