



Delph Side Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a hugely successful Parent's Evening we wanted to share the responses to the questionnaires you filled in.

This is a wonderful school; we can't be in any doubt!

Thank you to all the staff team, children, families and Governors who make Delph Side this hub of positivity, I am incredibly proud to be our Headteacher.

Liz Ormerod
Headteacher

Simply wonderful!

My child enjoys school	98% Agree	67% Strongly Agree
My child is making good progress in school	97% Agree	63% Strongly Agree
Children behave well in the school	100% Agree	63% Strongly Agree
My child gets the right amount of homework	80% Agree	45% Strongly Agree
I feel welcome in the school	100% Agree	82% Strongly Agree
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on	96% Agree	67% Strongly Agree
I am comfortable to approach the school with questions/comments	99% Agree	76% Strongly Agree
The school expects my child to work hard and do their best	100% Agree	75% Strongly Agree
The school seeks the views of Parents/Carers and takes them into account	97% Agree	66% Strongly Agree
The school is helping my child be mature, confident and independent	100% Agree	25% Strongly Agree
The school offers a range of extra-curricular activities and clubs	87% Agree	60% Strongly Agree
My child is safe and well cared for in school	99% Agree	82% Strongly Agree
The school values children's views and opinions	96% Agree	75% Strongly Agree
My child is NOT bullied at school	97% Agree	67% Strongly Agree
My child is treated fairly	96% Agree	72% Strongly Agree
The school is well led	99% Agree	78% Strongly Agree
The school is helping my child get an understanding of a 'healthy lifestyle'	98% Agree	67% Strongly Agree
The school actively encourages my child to attend school everyday	100% Agree	16% Strongly Agree

** One questionnaire (of the 96) felt the school was not well led, we'd love to speak to you in more detail and see how you feel we aren't meeting your expectations – please call in anytime to have a chat. **

Positive Feedback

I'm very happy with the school in all areas so no areas I'd really suggest improvement.

Very friendly school, pupils, parents and teachers. I recommend this school to everyone.

Great school, my child enjoys being at school. Couldn't ask for better teachers or PTFA.

Delph Side excels in all aspects in caring for our children and educating them.

Don't think you could improve anymore. Lovely friendly school. Thank you.

The school is good with the activities they do with the children outside school.

Excellent staff. Keep up the ~~good~~ great work. ★★ ★★ ★

Both boys are really happy at school.

Love, love, love the school/nursery and teachers, fab environment for my children to progress. Well done Mrs O!

My child is coming along so well with every year he attends Delph Side. I am very impressed with the amount of knowledge he is gaining every day.

My children are happy and thriving at Delph Side. We are more than pleased with this school.

Our daughter is loving year 5 😊

Lovely school.

I love our school. Keep up the good work.

The introduction of Tapestry has improved the home/school links.

We love the school Facebook page and the weekly newsletters. It's really good to see what they get up to when we're not around.

My child enjoys coming to school and is working hard.

Great school. Thanks to all staff.

Areas to Consider

Would like to see more afterschool clubs for girls. There is some for girls but only with invite. Like clubs after lessons not in lunchtime.

All our clubs are for boys and girls, both at lunchtime and afterschool – please feel free to bob into the office to chat through your concerns. Any club suggestions always welcome too 😊

- **More time put into sport teams with coaching etc.**
- **Would like to see more sports activities outside the classroom.**
- **I believe that the school would benefit from more sport activities; I feel that it lacks in this area and other schools excel.**
- **The school could possibly become part of "Children's University" also engage in more out of curriculum clubs after school even if there is a charge for parents. Thank you.**

We are working hard this year to add value to our After School sport provision, starting with KS2 football sessions running from next week for the term. These will be led by Mr Noblett (Level 2 Football coach). This, along with our new kits, we'll be unstoppable! All the clubs a school offers require a volunteer to support, which our staff team do their very best to do, in addition to their teaching and leadership capacities in school. In fact, if you look at the amount of clubs on offer for the size of our school, it is pretty impressive – many are now at lunchtime too, to ensure everyone who wants to have a go, can!

More after school clubs for Year 1.

Here are the clubs available to Year 1 this half term:

Lunchtime Sports (Tuesday lunchtime)

Yoga and Mindfulness Colouring (Monday lunchtime)

Dance (Monday lunchtime)

Football (Tuesday after school)

Family FUNdamentals (Wednesday after school)

Family library session (Wednesday after school)

Hope this helps 😊

Lacking in communication now the text service has gone ie when clubs cancelled, or not much notice on Facebook when children get awards!

Oh no, what a shame! Ok, we need to help you with this one. We actively use Facebook (throughout the day) and all communication is now operated through our School Parent Ap. If you need help setting this up, please just call into the office and we'll get you started.

We are concerned that there are no clubs for year 3 to attend after half term.

Just had a look, I see what you mean, perhaps not quite as many on offer this time as there might be for other Year groups, but still 3 to choose from. We will keep an eye on this next time:

Football (Tuesday after school)

Family library session (Wednesday after school)

Dance (Monday lunchtime)

Better snacks and varied lunch.

Really surprised to read this one, perhaps we don't shout enough about the great provision in school. We have a snack trolley (introduced last year) which is available at break time every day. It is stocked with hot toast, Soreen malt loaf bars, various fruits and yoghurt. As for dinners, the feedback from the children themselves has never been so positive with our move to Mellors. Each day, the children can choose from two hot dinner options, or a range of sandwiches and wraps found on the salad bar (children can choose own filling and bread type, including wraps).

I think the family challenges are a bit much sometimes being both working parents it's hard to find the time.

Homework can be really hard to fit in, I totally understand. The Family Challenges were designed to try and alleviate that pressure, set at the start of the half term with at least 5 weeks to complete and they really can be presented in anyway, taking into account how busy some of our parents may be.

Feel that family homework isn't ideal, we find it hard to get him to engage, I would feel more reassured of my child's progress if conventional homework was provided. Feel he would gain more from it.

Speak to your class teacher as each child should still be bringing home weekly spellings and a daily reading book. We took feedback from parents in designing our homework offer, we've tried to create a balance. In addition, shops such as Asda/Waterstones/Amazon sell homework guides if you feel additional support is needed at home, we're happy to advise – just bob in.

Maybe some sports activities for the nursery children.

Last year, we were the first school in Skelmersdale to offer swimming to Nursery children. This is something we will be looking to offer again later in the year. Nursery will also be able to access all our new outdoor 'Woodland School' provision very soon, exciting times!

Don't let other good teachers like Mr Fyne go to other schools.

Ha! This is lovely! We still have him one day a week and he is very much still a 'Delph Sider'! But this new school needs our help and Mr Fyne is very excited to be able to develop his career further.

All very helpful, thank you for taking the time to offer feedback to us – much appreciated.

- Team Delph Side (November 2017)