

8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

## Parent Questionnaire Responses 2018

Earlier this half term we sent out our Parent Questionnaire, we are very grateful to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We had 217 responses; this is an increase of 46 from last year.

As you will see overleaf, we had many positive responses. Not all responses total 217 as some parents did not answer all the questions and, due to rounding, not all responses total 100%. This year I have included the 3 year trend, in the vast majority of cases this shows an increase in those parents strongly agreeing or agreeing with the statements. The individual written responses were very useful and where several parents have identified a common theme we will clearly look at some actions to address these responses.

Actions and school responses to some comments:

- *We will change our texting system when informing parents of an accident in school to name the child, avoiding possible confusion where siblings also attend school.*
- *We will continue to encourage considerate and appropriate parking and discuss with Trafford Council the frequency of parking enforcement. As a school we can only do so much, this action requires all parents to play their part!*
- *Review our communication systems for working parents. We have already introduced on-line systems such as Parent Pay and Parents' Evening bookings. Whilst endeavouring to make as many parent sessions at times of the day that work for the majority, this is often problematic, for example we ran an E-Safety session a few years ago at 7pm. This year we delivered the session at 9.00am and attendance was far higher.*
- *From September, Year 1 classes will all have individual direct access from the playground; this will make contact with Year 1 teaching staff in the morning far easier.*
- *Two parents mentioned class sizes at Key Stage 2. Our class sizes have been 35 at Key Stage 2 for several decades. Whilst I appreciate that the class sizes are big at Key Stage 2, our expansion will reduce classes, over time, to 30.*

Our main focus is on developing the quality of teaching and learning across the school, our School Development Plan can be found on our website- <http://www.brooklands.trafford.sch.uk/governors-and-self-evaluation/school-development-plan>.

I have also included all the comments from the section where parents could explain why they would/would not recommend Brooklands to another parent. I have not included comments from other sections as there are no clear patterns (other than those listed above) and the comments often relate to their child/class or are one off comments.

Again, many thanks for your continued support. We are committed to continually improving the school.

Matthew Copping  
Headteacher

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	2018- Strongly agree/agree	3 year trend
My child is happy at Brooklands Primary School.	125-58%	84- 39%	4- 2%	2- 1%	1-0.5%	<b>97%</b>	<b>+5%</b>
My child feels safe at Brooklands Primary School.	142-68%	65- 31%	1- 0.5%	2- 1%	0	<b>99%</b>	<b>+2%</b>
My child makes good progress at Brooklands Primary School.	85- 40%	114-54%	7-3%	2-1%	2-1%	<b>94%</b>	<b>+9%</b>
My child is well looked after at Brooklands Primary School	103-50%	100-48%	2-1%	0	2-1%	<b>98%</b>	<b>+2%</b>
My child is taught well at Brooklands Primary School	93-45%	103-50%	5-2%	0	7-3%	<b>95%</b>	<b>+11%</b>
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	46-23%	124-61%	24-12%	1-0.5%	9-4%	<b>84%</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Brooklands Primary School makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85-41%	103-50%	2-1%	1-0.5%	14-7%	<b>91% +7%*</b> (* -Don't know)	<b>+3%</b>
Brooklands Primary School deals effectively with bullying	26-13%	59-29%	7-3%	0	111-55%	<b>42% +55%*</b> (* -Don't know)	<b>+6%</b>
Brooklands Primary School is well led and managed	118-58%	82-40%	2-1%	0	3-1%	<b>98%</b>	<b>+7%</b>
Brooklands Primary School responds well to any concerns I raise	75-37%	85-43%	5-2%	1-0.5%	35-17%	<b>80% +17%*</b> (* -Don't know)	<b>No change</b>
I receive valuable information from Brooklands Primary School about my child's progress	54-26%	134-66%	12-6%	0	4-2%	<b>92%</b>	<b>+12%</b>
Would you recommend Brooklands Primary School to another parent?	<b>YES –</b> 201- <b>99%</b>		<b>NO-</b> 3- <b>1%</b>			<b>99%</b>	<b>+13%</b>

## Why parents would/would not recommend our school:

I think Brooklands is realistic but has high standards, which is a good balance.

Always been very pleased with the school

Brooklands is an excellent school. I am so pleased with the way my children have been encouraged to do better both academically and in sports activities. My eldest daughter would have struggled with her confidence if all her achievements were concentrated around academic achievement. But because of the way she has been encouraged to be on the Sports Leadership team for the school and the many teams she takes part in, I have seen her flourish in confidence and her academic abilities.

My child enjoys school and is making good progress. The physical environment of the school is very pleasant, kept clean and tidy and is only going to improve further once the build is complete. The staff are caring and hard working. School is a busy place with lots of excellent activities going on, really adding to the children's experience.

Great School

I am very happy with the way my child is so enthusiastic about learning, and enjoys all the different topics they cover in reception. I was a little concerned if he will be behind as he is August born, but I'm impressed with his reading and writing skills already.

Would recommend BPS based on school values, leadership and the improvements I feel school has made, as a community, over the last 3 years. I do not feel I would previously have felt as confident recommending school as I do now. School seems to be becoming more inclusive and willing to meet needs of all pupils, not just the exceptional few. This was definitely needed.

Great School!

My two children are very, very happy at BPS.

Excellent teachers. Great support from parents.

My son is happy and making good progress

Staff are great. Management is super. Children are well behaved. Teaching standards are very satisfying.

My children are progressing and are happy.

Lovely school, lovely staff, children progress well

Very pleased with the teachers and the progress my kids are doing.

Well led, responsive and pro-active school committed to children's progress and development.

Good school

Good school, approachable staff, students do well, lots of extra curricular activities

I have two children at Brooklands, and apart from my daughter being allowed to coast in her current Year 2 class, I am very happy with their environment, teaching, and progress

Children are happy and doing well.

Because of the level of commitment of the staff

I like how they involve parents through courses held recently

Children are happy and standards are high

Fantastic school, great staff,

Good school with a good reputation

Nice school. Good student achievement.

Excellent teaching and progress made by the children. The teachers and children seem happy.

I would recommend this school as it is very well organised and equipped and puts the learning abilities of the children first as priority. The school is also keen to help the children with their weaker areas of education the children need to improve on.

It's a good school that tries hard to ensure that children are being looked after

Generally speaking the school is well managed. I would recommend to other parents. One weak point is the morning and afterschool club: we understand that the school will formally take over the service from June. But before then, the places are very limited. Working parents are not having peaceful mind about the arrangement. We don't have much choices and flexibility at all. We hope when the school takes over it could improve the following areas: 1) accommodate more students on campus 2) give more flexibility for parents to opt in and out 3) full cover for school holidays. Many other local schools are doing this quite well. My colleagues don't have any concern about arranging the morning/after school and holiday arrangement at all. They can join and quit quite easily and the places are plenty. BPS is expanding, and we believe there would be more demand for working parents. So really wish the BPS can improve this service. Thanks a lot.

Since Mr Copping has taken charge, school really appears to be on the up again. National results are good and new building improvements will no doubt mean up to date facilities.

A safe and happy place where students are valued

So far I've found no issues with the school, my child is happy and has some very nice friends and the parents I have met are very nice too. The teachers seem to really love what they do.

My daughter is progressing very well at the school

Child very happy there

Brooklands is a great school. Both my boys have had a good education, met great friends and had good teachers. I have never had any complaints or issues as I know the school is well run and managed in a pro active way.

I am confident in the education and care my children receive.

Excellent school, providing a supportive and nurturing environment. Excellent leadership, an exciting time to be at BPS!  
Its nice school with great expectations.

My son has progressed really well academically and loves his teachers

Have been happy with the school

I would recommend the school to another parent. High performing school, very well managed.

Good school, good experience so far

My child is happy and progressing well.

Best school my kid could have got.

As per my previous responses

I feel Brooklands is a good school on many levels. My child is very happy and doing well. The teachers are friendly, professional and very helpful.

Passionate head teacher, excellent teachers and staff

The school have been very supportive during the last 3 years for both myself and children. They have helped the children to thrive through a very difficult personal situation.

Both of my children are happy there and I feel are learning at a good rate

I would recommend it on the basis that the school is thriving at present with a great management team, an impressive new site but most importantly some superb learning opportunities. As a parent of a daughter in her final year, I could not be happier with her progress and pleasure in learning.

Because my children are developing well and you offer an interesting and varied curriculum

While I have not been happy with my child's progress this year, I know this may be due to a lack of continuity in a classroom where the teaching is shared. Overall the school is welcoming, has happy pupils and instils a positive attitude in its pupils. The emotional welfare of children is important to the school.

Children are happy to be in school, enjoying lessons and teachers are excellent

I would recommend Brooklands Primary - the school has a nurturing ethos, encourages good values and fair play whilst maintaining excellent teaching. The SPI and Lego clubs have been a great addition to what's offered to the children (more please). It was great to see Sale Sharks coming in for training and sharing in the Arts with Alice Kettle's visit. Generally have regular updates on Earwig and can use to talk about the day.

I would hesitate in recommending as i feel the class size of 35 is too many pupils

All my children have made good progress there

Superb leadership and commitment to the children's education

My daughter is very happy at Brooklands and talks very positively about her time there.

Very good school

\*\*\*\*\* has had a wonderful year so far in nursery and the teaching staff are fantastic

Good pastoral culture mixed with focus on academic performance aimed at child's individual capability

Great school Well lead by Mr copping Caring teachers

Because the have high standards in every way

Well managed and safe school

I would recommend Brooklands as it has a warm and friendly atmosphere considering it is such a large primary school.

It's a great school that really cares for it's pupils.

Overall, my children are happy and making satisfactory progress. I can see that changes are being made and I believe it is a good school.

First class primary school

It does not encourage excellence. If you want your child to be able to do the basics then you will get that but beyond that their is no desire.

Good values, great staff & teaching

Very strong and clear leadership. Amazing senco support.

It's welcoming and has a friendly environment

V happy with how my child has settled and developed since joining

It feels like a friendly school - from the teachers to the staff in the main office to the lollipop lady!

Nice friendly environment and good educational standards

Despite the large number of pupils, my child is always recognised and acknowledged and is nurtured. There is a sage and happy vibe about the school which is evident whenever I am there.

Mr Copping is amazing he's so hands on and is at every single performance a child does . He is also at the gates every morning and all the children know him. He's approachable and it's easy to see he actually cares for his school and the children. It's not just a job. Also the receptionist are amazing, particularly Mrs Adams who helped my children considerably when our dog died and my boys were devastated. She went that extra mile to make sure they were ok in school and my older child even went to see her when he was upset which he has never done with anyone other than me (his mum ) before.

I think my child makes good progress and any concerns are dealt with efficiently and effectively.

Both children have been happy.

We are really happy with the progress our child has made and the quality of the teachers

Really friendly, nice environment

Excellent school in every aspect!

I chose yes I would recommend Brooklands

Kids are making great progress, academically and socially. Very good head teacher. School funding is well managed.

Excellent environment for learning and making new friends! Lovely setting, great staff, well organised. Thank you!

I see the progress and development of my child in a nurturing and caring environment. I also share the values that the school encourages with the pupils and which I see demonstrated by them.

I have no reason not to. My child is only in reception. I would be surprised if there were anything a school could do too wrong at that stage. I also have no basis for comparison.

The level of support I have received with regards to my child has been really good. The teachers listen to what I have to say, and they either respond or support me as they see best.

Excellent standard of teaching. Variety of activities to make learning fun

Both my children, with very different abilities, have made good progress at Brooklands & have enjoyed attending the school

Brilliant school/staff

Ofsted rating, coveted school, teachers very friendly, strong leadership, new build development improving facilities

Happy with the standard of teaching and find most staff very pleasant

Welcoming and children are clearly happy

Overall experience over the 5 years

Well lead school with lovely pupils in. School tries hard to be the best it can and offer best opportunities to children

Overall I feel it's a good school which increasingly focuses on the breadth of children's needs, beyond purely academic results.

The children are nurtured and well looked after. They learn well and the school is very responsive to any issues or concerns.