

Parental Questionnaire – Autumn 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We recently sent a questionnaire out to our parents and carers, asking them to consider their child's experience over the last academic year as well as this year when completing the questionnaire. The questions we used are those asked by Ofsted under the ParentView website.

Thank you so much for your questionnaire responses and also for the written comments that some of you sent in. Out of the 78 questionnaires sent out, we received 30 responses, which is a return rate of 38%.

The responses are given below. This has also been shared with the Governing Body of Rothbury First School.

My child is in:	Nursery 13%	Reception 13%	Year 1 20%	Year 2 24%	Year 3 17%	Year 4 13%
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	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know	No response
My child is happy at this school.	87%	13%				
My child feels safe at this school.	87%	13%				
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	73%	23%	3%			
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	67%	30%	3%			
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	60%	24%			13%	3%
The school has high expectations for my child.	60%	34%				6%
My child does well at this school.	70%	30%				
The school lets me know how well my child is doing.	70%	27%				3%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	67%	27%				6%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	57%	34%	3%			6%
The school supports my child's wider development.	77%	23%				

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know	My child has not been bullied
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	14%	3%			6%	77%

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know	I have not raised any concerns	No response
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	43%	21%				33%	3%
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes 100%			No 0%			

This year, we have maintained three opportunities for parent consultations per year as we have done in previous years. We hope that the information given out at these consultations will keep you informed about your child's progress and how you can help your child at home. One issue that was raised was regarding parental awareness of what the children are learning in school during the year. This information can be found on the school website and is updated each half term. You can find this within the 'Our Learning' section under the 'Our School Curriculum' tab. Here you will find a half termly topic web for each class in school detailing their learning in each area of the curriculum. Here you will also find a long term plan for the year for each key stage. Progression documents for all subjects are available on our website too. These documents are used by staff to identify and ensure progression in each area of the curriculum. It includes, curriculum coverage, skills progression and key vocabulary. If you have any questions regarding what your child is learning at school, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Some parents may not be aware of how well we deal with bullying. We have an AntiBullying Lead in school, Helen Duffield, who is also one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. If an incident occurs in school which might fall into a bullying category, then this is thoroughly investigated by Mrs Duffield following our AntiBullying Policy - please see the policies section on our website for further details. If bullying was deemed to have taken place, parents are also informed; children are supported, consequences put in place and the situation is actively monitored. We also have a continuous programme of preventative work to support children to follow our Rothbury rules, underpinned by the ethos of respect for all. If you have any further questions about this, please do ask.

Similarly, people may not be aware of how we deal with concerns. We have a formal Complaints Procedure, which you can find on our website, however we do aim to resolve any concerns raised through informal dialogue with yourselves. If you have any concerns, staff are available at the beginning and end of each day or alternatively you can email or call school and arrange to speak to the appropriate member of staff.

We hope that you have found this information of interest. If you have any comments about the questionnaire results, please don't hesitate to bring them to the attention of your child's class teacher and/or to us.

Kind regards,
Cheryl Auld & Helen Duffield
Headteachers