

Parent questionnaire 2017

	2017			2016			2015		
	AGREE	DISAGREE	N/A	AGREE	DISAGREE	N/A	AGREE	DISAGREE	N/A
My child enjoys school	97	3	0	100	0	0	97	3	0
The school keeps my child safe	100	0	0	98	1	1	97	3	0
The school informs me about my child's progress	94	3	3	90	10	0	93	7	0
My child is making enough progress at this school	94	4	2	89	11	0	96	4	0
The teaching is good at this school	97	0	3	100	0	0	96	3	1
The school helps me support my child's learning	94	3	3	95	5	0	94	6	0
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	91	7	2	95	4	1	96	1	3
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	90	3	7	91	3	6	86	6	8
The school meets my child's particular needs	85	6	9	88	9	3	87	7	6
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	90	4	6	86	8	6	74	13	13
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	90	4	6	86	10	4	80	8	12
The school takes account of pupil views	84	4	12	92	5	3	81	6	13
The range of extracurricular activities is good	84	10	6	83	13	4	80	11	9
The school is led and managed effectively	100	0	0	99	1	0	97	3	0
Overall I am happy with my child's experience	100	0	0	100	0	0	96	4	0

(The above figures are the % of responses that fell into each category)

July 13th 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The results of the annual parents' questionnaire are out. You can see the summary on the other side of this sheet.

First of all, many thanks to all of you who completed and returned the questionnaire. It is really important that we hear directly back from you about your thoughts on Eleanor Palmer and, as a governing body, we consider the results very carefully and we respond to your suggestions and concerns. It's an important part of our last meeting every year to look at the feedback and consider what it means for our focus next year.

The results from this year are very good. The overwhelming majority of you are very positive about your child's experience here and about the work of the school and this shows through not just in the answers to the questions but also in your comments. As always, it is great to see that you have confidence in the quality of the teaching and leadership at the school and you feel that your child has a happy, safe and productive time here full of varied and valuable experiences.

As always, there were lots of comments and suggestions for improvements but only two prevailed as significant. First a wish for more extra-curricular activities. I just wanted to explain a bit about our thinking on providing these. As a governing body, we are pleased and grateful that staff do go above and beyond in laying on extra activities, such as the Homework Club. And, of course, we have a great and dedicated band of parents who turn out rain and shine to run early morning clubs as does Coach Martin. In a school like ours however, with a small team and limited space we have to prioritise - and we have prioritised regular, dependable childcare provision available every day from before school (at 8am with breakfast club) and then the after-school club running till 6pm. So, while the school will continue to offer some specific activities and clubs through the year on an ad hoc basis, the core extended childcare offer is the area where we think it is important to concentrate, as is supporting teachers in prioritising assessment, planning and their own professional development after school. We always signpost to the many after school enrichment clubs in the immediate neighbourhood too.

Secondly, school food is always a subject of interest and debate and I fully expect that to continue! We do review the food regularly and believe that the contractor and the dinner staff do a good job. There is always room for change and improvement, however, and the contractor is now introducing a plan for the reduction of sugars in the lunches from the Autumn term after some of your comments.

So thank you for all your support for the school, it is really appreciated. A very fond farewell to the Year 6 pupils and parents leaving at the end of their time at Eleanor Palmer and thanks – please come back to see us!

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful summer.

Jen Allan

Chair of Governors