

Parent/Carer Surveys 2023

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent/carers survey. We had 87 responses. Please see the results below:

	Strongly agree / agree (Number)	Strongly agree / agree %	Disagree/ strongly disagree (Number)	Disagree/ strongly disagree %	Don't Know (Number)	Don't Know %
My child likes school	84	96.5%	3	3.4%	0	0
My child is making good progress	83	95.4%	3	3.4%	1	1.1%
I am kept well informed about my child's progress	79	90.8%	5	5.7%	3	3.4%
I am kept well informed about school activities	79	90.8%	6	6.9%	2	2.3%
I feel comfortable approaching the school	81	93.1%	4	4.5%	2	2.3%
Staff have high expectations of behaviour	75	86.2%	4	4.5%	8	9.3%
School shows concern for child's health and welfare	76	87.4%	5	5.7%	6	6.9%
The school provides a range of high quality learning experiences for my child	79	90.8%	4	4.6 %	4	4.6%
The school is well led and managed	81	93.2%	4	4.5%	2	2.3%
Staff explain how I can help my child at home	76	87.3%	9	10.4%	2	2.3%
The school promotes good attendance and punctuality	81	93.2%	5	5.7%	1	1.1%
The arrangements for settling my child in when he/she started school were good.	83	95.5%	3	3.4%	1	1.1%
I would recommend Deansbrook Infant School to another family.	81	93.2%	5	5.7%	1	1.1%
		Yes		No		
Would you like your child to wear a uniform or own clothes to school	82	94.3%	5	5.7%		

We had some lovely positive comments about our school:

Thank you so much for everything you do for the children.

The teachers and teaching assistants are amazing!

The teachers are really nice and it is a good school to leave your children, for quality education.

Thank u

Overall I think the school is really trying their best and most parents are happy with the school.

The teachers are great

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work from the teachers to the reception staff and all support staff.

Our child loves attending school and we feel she is very much cared for and encouraged whilst she is there.

The teachers are caring and work so hard

Some parents/carers added further constructive comments to the end of the survey. Please see the comments and the response from the school:

Issue	Response from school
Can I request an increase in school timings in the winter	Unfortunately we cannot lengthen the school day in the winter. However we do have a breakfast club and an after school club so there is the option of child care between 8.45am and 6.00pm.
I would like my child to wear socks when she does sports	We prefer children to take part in indoors PE in bare feet, as it is safer. However in winter when the floor is cold we do allow children to wear socks with plimsolls during PE lessons. They cannot, however, just wear socks as this would be too dangerous.
Can the main big gate be open during pick up and drop off time.	Two of our Governors very kindly open the main gate most mornings and after school.
For Reception children, it would be great if staff encouraged/reminded children about drinking more water during the day.	This has been passed onto staff in reception.
In some classes the children don't get different books to read every week	Books should be changed three times a week in every class. Please speak to a member of the senior management if this is not the case.
There is not much feedback from teachers to understand how my child is doing. We only hear about our kids progress through a very quick chat with the teachers at parents evening	Staff make notes on each child before a parents evening and will always give ideas for next steps for the children. Parents evenings are only twice a year but if you would like to talk to your child's teacher in between these, you can telephone or email the school office to arrange a meeting or phone call with the class teacher.
I would love to receive more homework/ even I do things at home / she is more motivated to complete school tasks	The children at our school are very young and therefore we would like the home learning to focus on them reading their school reading books and practicing their phonics.
The communication to the parents, I feel needs to be much better. Very often we get such late notice of things happening and it's hard to manage with work.	We do try to give as much notice as possible about events. There is always a calendar on the back of the newsletter which is updated every week and there is a diary on the website. We also send emails and reminder texts when an event is imminent.
In the mornings and at pickup, quite often the doors are opened late, this should be punctual every day.	We apologise for this and will now ensure that the door is opened on time every morning. Teachers endeavour to dismiss on time each day but occasionally things happen beyond their control which can result in the children leaving slightly late.

<p>With the newsletter you mention things parents should/can attend, maybe a rough time frame on how long they are required would be good.</p>	<p>Yes we can do this in future. Thank you for the suggestion.</p>
<p>Children with good attendance get nothing</p>	<p>We do reward children with good attendance every Friday in assembly by reading out the attendance in each class. The class with the best attendance for the week moves their car along the race track and a prize is given to the winning class every half term.</p>
<p>We are told not to send sick children in, but also to send them in as Ofsted is coming</p>	<p>We would never expect you to send your child to school if they are sick. However we are also trying to improve our school attendance and so some children, especially if they have persistence absence, may be asked for medical evidence. This has nothing to do with Ofsted.</p>
<p>The school meals are disgusting and cheap. Why can a child not have cheese on pasta, only on potato, and not have a roast unless they have gravy.</p>	<p>School meals are free for all children at our school. They are carefully planned by our caterers to be nutritious and follow the silver food for life standards. Parents/carers are welcome to come and try a school lunch if they would like to.</p> <p>When we had our new caterers in September, the children were not allowed cheese on pasta. However, once this was brought to the headteacher's attention, cheese was permitted on pasta again immediately (this was only about 2 weeks later).</p> <p>The meat for roast is served in a gravy as it keeps the meat hot and moist. However a child can request meat without gravy, if desired. Please speak to the school office if you would like this for your child.</p>
<p>I think it would be useful to have more activities we could do with the children at home linked to their current learning and to help their progress.</p>	<p>We send home a topic overview every half term so that parents/carers can see what the children will be learning.</p>
<p>Communication between the school and Busy Bees club it's quite bad and should improve.</p>	<p>It is difficult to know in what context this was meant but Busy Bees communicate with the school very regularly.</p>