

Parent Questionnaire - Spring 2012

My child likes coming to school

67% Strongly agreed. 28% Agreed. 5% Disagreed



The vast majority of children thoroughly enjoy coming to school. Quite often children feel unhappy for a short time to do with perceptions or incidents, and often talking to either me or the teachers can help resolve this. It is very important that children enjoy coming to school, a happy child is a child that will learn. If you are at all concerned about your child please speak to someone in school. Most comments reflected what we see - 'the children always seem very happy to be here' and 'very friendly and happy environment.'

I am happy with the standard of education my child receives

58% Strongly agreed. 35% Agreed. 5% Disagreed. 2% Don't know



Staff work very hard to ensure that all children are challenged in their learning. Close tracking and monitoring of standards informs us of the children's levels and work is planned accordingly.

My child's teacher has high expectations of my child

42% Strongly agreed. 46% Agreed. 7% Disagreed. 5% Don't know



As staff plan for small groups of children according to the level they are working at, they can ensure that those children are challenged and each group is working towards their target. Once a target is reached another is set. Individuals move up through the targets to try to achieve the highest target they can.

I am kept informed about my child's progress

30% Strongly agreed. 58% Agreed. 9% Disagreed. 3% Don't know.



We try to keep you as well informed as possible about your child's progress. Parents evenings and reports are our formal way of informing you but we will always speak to you if we have concerns or your child has done something particularly well. We welcome your questions at the end of the day if you need any more information, and notes in the message books if you do not come up to school.

My child is challenged and motivated in his/her learning

49% Strongly agreed. 37% Agreed. 7% Disagreed. 7% Don't know.



The vast majority of children feel challenged and motivated. This is illustrated daily when I walk through the classrooms, all children are on task, we do not have discipline issues and the children make very good progress.

The school meets the needs of less able/gifted and talented children

37% Strongly agreed. 40% Agreed. 2% Disagreed. 21% Don't know.



Children of all abilities are well supported through clear planning and differentiated work. All children make good progress with many achieving well above the national expectations for their age.

The staff appear well motivated and keen in their work

61% Strongly agreed. 35% Agreed. 2% Disagreed. 2% Don't know.



The comments reflect your perceptions of our staff - 'Teachers are lovely and have made feel very welcome, happy and secure.' 'All staff appear well motivated, approachable and happy in their work.'



I feel able to talk to my child's teacher if I am concerned

75% Strongly agreed. 23% Agreed. 2% Disagreed.

I am very pleased to see this as this means that if issues do arise often an informal chat can resolve the situation. This is one of the special aspects of being a small school as well.



I feel able to talk to the Headteacher if I am concerned

84% Strongly agreed. 14% Agreed. 2% Disagreed.

The same comment as above applies. I am so pleased that you feel happy to speak to me.



My child benefits from using the Learning Logs

21% Strongly agreed. 51% Agreed. 9% Disagreed. 7% Strongly disagreed. 12% Don't know.

The idea of learning logs was to allow children the freedom to demonstrate their learning in a way that they wanted to. It allows children to take their learning further than a worksheet or set task. If we hand them a worksheet, differentiated or not, that is all they can/will do. If we give them a more open-ended task they can, with support, do further research, look at things beyond what they have done in class and produce something they are proud of. A worksheet will never allow this. Parents feel safe with something explicit, but children can get excited by something which is wholly theirs.



My child feels safe and well cared for at school

67% Strongly agreed. 33% Agreed.

Paramount in any school. You trust us with your most precious possession, it is up to us to ensure we keep them safe. 'Heading off to work each day and knowing that my son is happy, secure and safe is vital.'



Children's concerns are dealt with effectively

42% Strongly agreed. 44% Agreed. 5% Disagreed. 9% Don't know.

Rest assured that any child who comes to us with a concern is listened to and taken seriously.



The school feels welcoming

74% Strongly agreed. 26% Agreed.

'The school and members of staff are very welcoming and friendly'. I am pleased that you feel like this. We work hard to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our school.



My child is encouraged to become independent and responsible

65% Strongly agreed. 30% Agreed. 5% Don't know.

It is important for children to become independent in both their learning and in how they look after themselves and their property. At Twyford we have worked very hard to encourage children to understand how to become independent learners in order that they can take learning beyond the classroom and into their future lives.



Children behave well in school

44% Strongly agreed. 54% Agreed. 2% Don't know.

The children behave extremely well at Twyford. It is a pleasure to be with the children and see how they think of each other and respect everyone.



There is a good range of extra-curricular activities

63% Strongly agreed. 37% Agreed.

We try to offer as wide a range of extra-curricular activities as possible. We also welcome parental support if they have a skill which they think we would be interested in.



Children are encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle

54% Strongly agreed. 44% Agreed. 2% Don't know.

We always try to encourage healthy lifestyles, whether it be their lunch, physical exercise or general wellbeing.



There are good teaching resources

46% Strongly agreed. 40% Agreed. 14% Don't know.

The school is extremely well resourced, especially with the new library.



My child is prepared well to change classes or move onto their next school

42% Strongly agreed. 42% Agreed. 2% Disagreed. 14% Don't know.

Most children adapt extremely well to change. Being a small school children know all the staff and therefore feel comfortable in new classes very quickly. Occasionally children have 'wobbles' which we deal with sensitively, and we support them in the changing expectations which are necessary when moving into new classes.



My child has accessed the VLE

30% Strongly agreed. 37% Agreed. 7% Disagreed. 10% Strongly disagreed. 16% Don't know.

Hopefully those people who hadn't used the VLE with their children came along to the information evening. The VLE is a valuable and exciting addition to children's learning. They can use it safely and look at appropriate tasks and games on our site. If you do not have your child's password please ask as every child in the school, including Nursery, should have one.



If Twyford extended to having Years 5&6 I would like my child to stay here

58% Strongly agreed. 9% Agreed. 9% Disagreed. 5% Strongly disagreed. 19% Don't know.

This is the most frequently asked question by new parents and one that we have been regularly asked by existing parents. We are looking into the feasibility of growing to a combined school. This would enable children to remain at Twyford for their whole primary schooling and move with their friends to secondary. Obviously we are still at the preliminary stages but it is good to hear that at least 70% of you are in favour.



I feel the communication links between the school and parents are suitable and effective

53% Strongly agreed. 47% Agreed.

I am very pleased with this result as this was not so positive last year. We do try very hard to ensure that you get all the relevant information. Occasionally though things happen which are out of our control and communication doesn't occur as we would wish.



I believe the quality of leadership in the school is good and is moving the school forward

67% Strongly agreed. 33% Agreed.

This speaks for itself. We are always trying to move forward and improve this ever-changing system we work in.



I feel the governing body is approachable and visible when required.

42% Strongly agreed. 46% Agreed. 12% Don't know.

The governors try to be around as much as possible at events and parents evenings. Obviously most of them work and so can't be around all the time but rest assured they work very hard behind the scenes to make sure your children are safe, happy and get the best education possible.



I feel confident in the governing body's capability of supporting and challenging the school for the future.

47% Strongly agreed. 46% Agreed. 7% Don't know.

Again, the result speaks for itself. We are here to provide the best education possible. The governors check and challenge all we do to ensure that we do this to the best of our abilities. We are pleased to see that you have confidence in all of us to provide an outstanding all-round education for every child.

Pupil Questionnaire - Spring 2012



I like coming to school

56% Strongly agree. 36% Agree. 4% Disagree. 4% Don't know.

I am pleased that most of you enjoy coming to school a lot. If you are not so sure try and tell us what would help you.



I am happy to ask questions in class

45% Strongly agree. 51% Agree. 4% Disagree.

In order to learn we all have to ask questions. I am pleased that most of you feel happy to ask. You should always ask questions, that is what the adults are here for.



I find the topics we do in class interesting

60% Strongly agree. 38% Agree. 2% Disagree.

I am pleased you enjoy the topics. Through asking you what you would like to learn in your topics, I hope you feel you are part of the planning and you can say what you would like to know.



My teacher listens to me

62% Strongly agree. 36% Agree. 2% Don't know.

I am sure they do, as then we can find out what you know.



Children are well behaved in school

25% Strongly agree. 53% Agree. 11% Disagree. 2% Strongly disagree. 9% Don't know.

Children at Twyford are extremely well behaved. Every now and again we all do something perhaps a little thoughtless. What is different is at Twyford we know what is expected of us and what is right and wrong. If anyone ever does anything they shouldn't they are always honest about it and know how to say sorry.



I am encouraged to work hard in all lessons

49% Strongly agree. 47% Agree. 4% Don't know.

It is good to hear that you are all expected to work hard in your lessons and you know it.



The school offers enough out of school activities

56% Strongly agree. 27% Agree. 4% Disagree. 13% Don't know.

If there are clubs which you would like to have then talk to your school councillor or teacher. You are able to start clubs when you get into Year 1.



I enjoy using my Learning Log

31% Strongly agree. 42% Agree. 11% Disagree. 2% Strongly disagree. 14% Don't know.

Most of you enjoy using your learning logs. Remember you are asked to show what you have learned or how you want to demonstrate something, therefore it is your work. All we ask is that you try your best and are proud of the result.



I feel I can talk to an adult in school if I am worried

42% Strongly agree. 56% Agree. 2% Don't know.

It is good that you feel you can talk to an adult in school. We are always here to help you.



I am encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle

49% Strongly agree. 42% Agree. 2% Disagree. 7% Don't know.

We always encourage you to make healthy choices, whether it is with your food or exercise. We hope you remember what we have taught you and take it into your life outside school.



I enjoy playing in the playground at break times

78% Strongly agree. 18% Agree. 4% Disagree.

You always look like you are having a good time. You all know that if you need a friend you can go to the buddy bench and someone will come to you.



The School Council have a say in what happens in school

31% Strongly agree. 38% Agree. 31% Don't know.

Lots of you didn't know the answer to this. We must make sure that school councillors tell you all about what they are doing after each meeting.



I am encouraged to be independent in class and make decisions for myself

42% Strongly agree. 42% Agree. 7% Disagree. 9% Don't know.

By being independent you do not have to rely on others all the time. This is why we encourage it. Always have a go before you ask for help and it's not always the teacher who you need to ask first to help you.



I enjoy using the VLE

53% Strongly agree. 22% Agree. 25% Don't know.

Have a look on the VLE, there are lots of exciting games and activities. If you do not have your password ask your teacher.



If Twyford had a Year 5 and 6 I would like to stay here until Year 6

58% Strongly agree. 13% Agree. 4% Disagree. 25% Don't know.

The majority of you would like to stay on into Years 5 and 6. We would like you to as well.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire. We do take notice of all your comments and do our utmost to act upon those which we can.

We are all very proud of our school and work hard to ensure that children at Twyford have the best education possible.

Judith A Foster
Headteacher