



## Parent Questionnaire – July 2015

Every Day, a Learning Journey

Please complete and return to the School Office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you

My child/ren are in Year R 1 2 3 4

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	My child is happy at school.	26	5			
2.	My child feels safe at this school.	29	2			
3.	My child is well looked after at this school.	25	6			
4.	My child makes good progress at this school.	22	7	2		
5.	My child is taught well at this school.	24	7			
6.	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	21	10			
7.	This school is well led and managed.	26	5			
8.	This school responds well to any concern I raise.	19	10	2		
9.	I am made to feel welcome when I come into school.	22	7	2		
10.	Parents are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school.	20	8	3		
11.	This school deals effectively with bullying.	12	9	8	2 left blank	
12.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	17	10	3		
13.	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	19	9		3 left blank	

14.	I am kept well informed about school events and important information, through the newsletter, reminders sent home and the school website.	22	9			
15.	My child receives appropriate amounts of homework for their age.	15	14	1	1	
16.	I would recommend Dodford First School to another parent.	21	10			
17.	The 'wrap around' care arrangements that are offered are appropriate and effective.	17	12	2		
Comments – Only 3 responses, stating that it was to a high standard but expensive.						
18.	Parent questionnaires are an important way of gathering the thoughts and opinions of our parents and carers. This helps us to review our practice and ensure that we are providing the best possible education for the children at Dodford First. Please indicate, below, your preferred frequency and method of completing these questionnaires.					
	Termly	Yearly			Every 2 years	
	On paper	Online survey			Via the School website	
	Some of you have requested a termly questionnaire, a midpoint shorter one during the year is an option I will give consideration to.					
19.	We would like from September, to send all school letters out electronically. This is something that our 'Green Team' has asked for and would vastly reduce the amount of paper we use in school. Please indicate how you would prefer to receive information sent from school.					
	Paper copies	Sent via Email			Downloading from Website	
20.	<p>Your comments:</p> <p><b>What are we doing well?</b></p> <p>Many lovely and supportive comments were written, thank you. Many were personal to their child so therefore not commented on here.</p> <p><b>What could we do better?</b></p> <p>Homework is always a difficult one to judge, some parents feel tasks are too lengthy and there is too much homework, others feel that there isn't enough given. We will build this into our parent forum evening.</p> <p>Some parents still feel that not enough notice is given about events happening in school and messages about bringing items into school. We try and inform you of events as far in advance as possible but occasionally we have events that are presented to us short notice or are changed at the last minute. We do encourage the children to take an active role in their learning, which may mean that planning and activities</p>					

change to meet the children's ideas and suddenly we are requesting items off you! We will endeavour to give as much advanced warning as possible!

We still have some parents who have ticked the neither agree nor disagree box about our effectiveness in dealing with bullying and 2 were left blank. One parent did leave a note to say that due to no experience they couldn't comment on this question and this may be the same for others. We will build this into our parent forum evening and continue to participate in the anti-bullying week and promote our caring and kind ethos in school. I have yet, since starting at Dodford had to deal with a bullying issue within the school, occasional fallings out and disagreements but no incidents which would be identified under the term 'bullying.'

Some parents spoke about having more contact with their class teacher. We do have an 'open door policy' at the school and a parent can speak to their class teacher when requested, although there are certain times of the school day which this isn't feasible. Any parent with an urgent message for their child's class teacher can go to the classroom at drop off time but our teachers do not come onto the playground in the morning as they are in charge of their classes during the 10 minute drop off time. Teachers are always available at the end of the school day and if a lengthier chat is needed then a suitable time for both class teacher and parent can be organised directly or by leaving a message with Mrs Evans. Initial discussions about work, behaviour, home or other issues should in the first instance be held with the class teacher.

Many of you commented on the improvement of sharing information about your child and their progress within school but there are a few parents who wanted this more frequently and in more detail. We will build this into our parent forum evening.

***Thank you for those families that took the time to complete this questionnaire.***