

**Parent Questionnaire – July 2016**

Every Day, a Learning Journey

*Below is a summary of the 34 out of a possible 51 responses received.
Each response is approximately equivalent to 3%.*

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	My child is happy at school.	85%	15%			
2.	My child feels safe at this school.	88%	12%			
3.	My child is well looked after at this school.	82%	18%			
4.	My child makes good progress at this school.	71%	23%	6%		
5.	My child is taught well at this school.	71%	26%	3%		
6.	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	68%	32%			
7.	This school is well led and managed.	65%	32%	3%		
8.	This school has a pleasant, well maintained environment.	79%	21%			
9.	The school responds well to any concern I raise.	62%	32%	6%		
10.	I am made to feel welcome when I come into school.	68%	32%			
11.	Parents are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school.	71%	21%			
12.	I believe this school would deal effectively with a bullying incident.	59%	35%	3%	3%	
13.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	59%	38%	3%		

14.	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	84%	16%			
15.	I am kept well informed about school events and important information, through the newsletter, reminders sent home and the school website.	74%	26%			
16.	My child receives appropriate amounts of homework for their age.	44%	38%	12%	3%	3%
17.	I would recommend Dodford First School to another parent.	74%	23%	3%		
18.	The school provides a sufficient range of clubs and after school activities.	79%	18%	3%		
19.	The 'wrap around' care arrangements that are offered are appropriate and effective.	65%	21%	14%		
20.	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	
20.	Please indicate how you would prefer to hear about school events.					
	Paper copies	Sent via Email			Downloading from Website	
21.	<p>Your comments:</p> <p>What are we doing well?</p> <p>Many lovely and supportive comments were written, thank you. Below are some examples.</p> <p>'Lovely reception area and outdoor playground learning space.'</p> <p>'Supporting children to develop their confidence and we are assured our child is in safe hands.'</p> <p>'School is friendly, caring and the children enjoy coming to school.'</p> <p>'We believe that Dodford gives children a great start whilst maintaining a caring and nurturing environment for them.'</p> <p>'Teachers have quickly adapted to delivering the new curriculum. We can see the changes in expectation; teachers meet the needs of different ability students.'</p>					

'Wonderful school with fabulous staff – keep up the good work!'

'The Head deals with issues if raised and gives feedback; she is understanding and has a balanced view.'

'Front of house at school is great...our child is in safe hands and we are communicated with effectively.'

What could we do better?

Homework is always a difficult one to judge and has again got a mixed response from some parents. Some feel tasks are too lengthy and there is too much homework, others feel that there isn't enough given. We will again build this into our parent forum evening.

Many of you commented on the improvement of sharing information about your child and their progress within school but there are some parents who would like further feedback on their child's progress throughout the year. The detail and format that this would take will need further consideration and therefore we will build this into our parent forum evening.

One family was concerned about how persistent we are about contacting families when a club is cancelled on the day. Mrs Evans will always send an email informing those parents concerned if a club is cancelled but will also phone the first person on the contact list in the first instance and if the phone isn't answered a message will be left on their voicemail. If a child is still with us at the end of the school day then Mrs Evans will phone the first and second contact on the list. I would advise that parents do check their phones on the days that their child is attending an after school club as unfortunately on rare occasions clubs do have to be cancelled at the last minute. Please also be reassured that your child will be kept safe within school until they are collected if you were not to pick up a message and arrived after the school day had finished.

One family felt that more opportunities were needed to discuss any 'issues.' Any issues personal to one child should always be discussed with the class teacher in the first instance or if they are unavailable then to bring any concerns to the attention of the Head or leave a message with Mrs Evans to arrange a phone call or meeting with the class teacher. Any wider issues can again be brought to the attention of the Head or alternatively raised at the annual parent forum Meeting which is being held this year on Wednesday 9th November at 6.30pm.

Other items have been noted and will either be considered by the school staff or become an agenda item at the parent forum meeting and where appropriate raised with the governors.

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