

DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL



Parent Questionnaire Responses – July 2019

Every Day, a Learning Journey

22/51 families returned the questionnaire – 43%

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	My child is happy at school.	82%	18%			
2.	My child feels safe at this school.	91%	9%			
3.	My child is well looked after at this school.	77%	23%			
4.	My child makes good progress at this school.	68%	32%			
5.	My child is taught well at this school.	77%	23%			
6.	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	82%	18%			
7.	This school is well led and managed.	73%	27%			
8.	This school has a pleasant, well maintained environment	77%	23%			
9.	This school responds well to any concern I raise.	50%	40%	5%	5%	
10.	I am made to feel welcome when I come into school.	55%	35%	10%		
11.	Parents are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school.	82%	18%			
12.	I believe this school would deal effectively with a bullying incident.	68%	32%			
13.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	64%	31%	5%		
14.	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	91%	9%			

15.	I am kept well informed about school events and important information, through the newsletter, reminders sent home and the school website.	86%	14%			
16.	My child receives appropriate amounts of homework for their age.	77%	18%	5%		
17.	I would recommend Dodford First School to another parent.	77%	23%			
18.	The school provides a sufficient range of clubs and after school activities	50%	32%	18%		
19.	The 'wrap around' care arrangements that are offered are appropriate and effective.	36%	36%	18%	10% - Not applicable	
	<p>Comments – any comments made have been passed onto Four Seasons</p> <p><i>'Some of the toys and activities could be improved' – Four Seasons have recently spent money on toys and games, including the new Lego trolley.</i></p> <p><i>'Expensive and inflexible' – Four Seasons are competitive with other school providers and try to be as flexible as they can but staffing ratios can sometimes mean they can't always guarantee a last minute booking.</i></p> <p><i>'Don't agree with a double payment if a child does a club before they go into Four Seasons' – unfortunately places need to be held and session prices run from the end of the school day.</i></p>					
20.	<p>Please indicate how you prefer to hear about school events – paper copies / email / website – a mixture of responses, the majority though chose email as the preferred form of contact.</p> <p><i>Most people would like contact via email, however the school will continue to use all 3 methods for various events and messages.</i></p>					
21.	<p>Your comments: Thank you to those parents who took the time to add comments, the lovely comments made are much appreciated by the dedicated staff that work at the school. Some comments will also help form the agenda for the Parent Forum due to take place in November. Here are some of the comments made:</p> <p>What are we doing well?</p> <p><i>'My daughter has had a fabulous start to her school career at Dodford, we couldn't have asked for a better experience.'</i></p> <p><i>'The school has an incredible nurturing atmosphere, all children seem happy and have a strong bond across all age ranges.'</i></p> <p><i>'Making learning fun, thank you for all your hard work.'</i></p>					

'My son goes to and from school with a smile on his face, I think he will always remember Dodford with a happy face.'

'My daughter is happy and settled. Enjoying the full range of sporting and musical opportunities on offer.'

'Teaching growth mindset allows them to have a healthy approach to challenges and set them up for the future'

'We feel the school has fantastic staff who work hard and really encourage the children'

'Supportive staff who give lots of encouragement, all the children in reception seem to settle into school life quickly due to the supportive environment.'

'I am very happy with the school, my son is making good progress.'

'Well organised with professional staff.'

What could we do better?

We take on board all of your comments and below we have tried to answer them but there will also be the annual Parent's Forum evening for any further queries or thoughts to be raised.

'Holiday homework can be difficult to fit in.' Homework is given in the holidays to give the children a focus whilst away from school, we try to keep the tasks manageable and recent ones have had a reading focus as it is essential that the children keep up with their reading during a holiday.

'School should have a Twitter feed.' We are working on our website and a Twitter feed is an area we hope to get going shortly!

'Feedback if child is underperforming, not just at parent's evening.' Staff will talk to parents individually if they feel extra work and support is needed at home, packs are created and any concerns are addressed when brought to their attention.

'Website needs updating.' The office only has one person and we don't have someone employed to keep the website up to date like some schools. We regularly update the calendar and newsletters are added weekly. Teachers try to update their pages once a term and we will again try to put as much information as we can on the website as frequently as is manageable.

'More information on what my child is learning to support them.' The curriculum newsletters at the start of each term give parents an overview on what will be covered during the term and the targets given at parents evening are specific for your child.