

Parent Survey

Spring 2012/13

Summary



Thank you for once again completing our Parent Survey, we had 56 responses.

95% or over of our parents said that:

- Their child is encouraged to become mature and independent
- Their child is making good progress
- Their child enjoys school

93% of parents felt that there was a good range of activities that their child finds interesting and enjoyable.

16% of parents were interested to know if there is a way of helping their child further with learning at home. We are pleased that parents want to be involved in their child's learning and are intending to promote some information evenings for parents, detailing some of the key approaches to learning that parents can help with, in both numeracy and English.

The school has a good community with a friendly atmosphere and a safe and happy environment which encourages independence and fosters confidence in the children.

The role of parents in this process cannot be understated and we value the trust that parents put in their class teachers.

The school has good teaching and classroom support. The teachers are working hard to match work to pupils ability, while teaching and rewarding respect and working to improve behaviour.

At Haslingfield School teachers enjoy the rewards of seeing children learn and do all they can to meet the needs of all children as individuals.

How does the maths provision in school for children of different abilities compare with other schools?

The children's maths assessments indicate that the provision of high quality teaching is very effective and is well above national average in all year groups. Teachers understand the need to ensure children of all abilities are challenged to reach their targets. While children are given opportunities to learn their times tables, repeating this process at home with parents can make a significant difference to their learning and we appreciate all parents efforts in this regard.

How can you ensure homework is at the correct level for the children.

Some parents commented on the school's approach to homework. We have an expectation of homework across the school. However, when this expectation does not match the child's individual needs, it is recommended that parents discuss the impact of the homework upon children with their teachers. The primary focus of homework is to reinforce the learning which happens in school.

We like the buddy system and the fact that there is good interaction between children in different year groups.

This approach compliments our family based ethos while encouraging empathy and a personal sense of wellbeing around the school.

It is great to have the class assemblies so that we can find out what the children have been doing and recognise their achievements.

We aim to make learning fun and celebrating success is part of this process.

The children are enjoying their dinners at school.

Cambridgeshire Catering Services have worked with the school to constantly review and improve school meals while maintaining nutritional balance.

The school has a wide range of sport and music activities.

We want children to have the opportunity to develop a broad range of knowledge and skills while attending Haslingfield School.

By choosing to use this mechanism to share your opinions the school can work constructively in its provision for children while building a secure reputation in Cambridgeshire and nationally.

Thank you for your comments. The governors and I would like to assure parents of our schools commitment to deliver high standards.

Is it possible for more professional specialists to come into school for example choreographers and creative writers?

The school has a welcoming approach to professionals visiting the school where it links in with the children's learning or career development. Our teachers and children all enjoy the experience of having appropriate professional people in school and are happy for more suggestions to be raised with them by parents.

Will there be more information about how children are getting on?

This year we will be trialling a new report format and we are currently running our 'School Work Show and Tell' evenings which have been received well. All teachers are available at the end of the day to meet or make an appointment. We will review this again in the future.

Ofsted Update.

I am pleased to inform you that the school has completed the actions in response to our last Ofsted and has, since January, been actioning the schools own self evaluation plan. This will be outlined in our next Headteacher/Governor Tea and Chat on Friday 5th July.

Leaving times at the end of the day.

It is not our intention to delay parents who wish to leave promptly at the end of the day and we shall continue to monitor this.

Graeme McLeod, Headteacher