

Questionnaire responses and comments - Yenton Primary School – January 2013

Thank you to the 70 families who completed this school survey during the Autumn term - we have responded to your points below.

	Percentages are shown	No answer	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Our responses
1	My child enjoys school	-	58%	41%	1%	-	
2	The school keeps my child safe	1%	44%	50%	6%	1%	Concern on this area appears to relate to the children entering school through one door in the morning. This has been changed as a result of parent comments – years 5 and 6 now use their own door from November 2012 – this has been well received by parents.
3	The school informs me about my child's progress	5%	27%	57%	8%	-	We changed assembly formats last summer to help with this, so that parents could discuss work with their children and these will restart after Christmas. We have also had INSPIRE workshops for every year group before Christmas and have continued them this term.
4	My child is making enough progress at this school	4%	28%	61%	1%	-	This is a key focus of the school this year and we are very proud of our 2012 year 6 results. An experienced extra teacher has been employed from January 2013, in order to support and work with specific groups across school to push children on further.
5	The teaching is good at this school	7%	31%	62%	-	-	We are really pleased that the quality of the teachers are recognised.
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning	7%	38%	52%	4%	-	The Inspire workshops and Learning Assemblies will help this area.
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	4%	27%	61%	7%	-	With two hours of PE a week, salad bars at lunchtime, healthy food options, and lessons related to future health, the school works hard in this area. There is currently a different sports club every night after school.
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	11%	21%	64%	4%	-	
9	The school meets my child's particular needs	11%	21%	68%	2%	-	Parents can ask for a meeting with the class teacher, at any point that they feel their child's needs are being met.
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	7%	18%	68%	2%	1%	We have currently increased the number of rewards for the children so that there is a weekly draw. Our class treats have also been modified, much to the delight of the children.
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	12%	18%	65%	2%	1%	We welcome suggestions from parents and changes have occurred recently in terms of feedback.
12	The school is led and managed effectively	5%	34%	54%	2%	-	
13	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	5%	40%	52%	1%	1%	Thank you for the positive feedback.

<u>Additional comments by parents</u>	<u>School response to comments</u>
1. Child just started reception unable to comment (2)	
2. Walking to school – parking dangerous on pavements (3)	2. The school agrees and we work closely with the Travel Department from the Council and West Midlands Police. It has taken us 9 months of phone calls and chasing to get the zig zags replaced, that were wiped off 3 years ago. West Midlands Police are aware of the parking issues, but they get the same complaints from all schools.
3. More homework (3)	3. We are hoping to send out optional extra homework for children to do, mainly through using websites. Mathematics is always available through the school's subscription – the most important homework of all is to read with your child – listen to them, read to them and ask questions.
4. More information on progress of child (5)	4. Our new and very popular summer assemblies from last year will return after Christmas, where parents can look at books with their child more personally. Parents can ask at any time for more information about their child's progress. Please do not wait until Parent's Evening.
5. Bullying (1)	5. Bullying is taken very seriously. Assemblies reinforce being kind in school and children receive awards when they behave kindly. Repeated unkind behaviour will result in an exclusion and this regrettably has occurred twice in the last twelve months – Yenton will take the ultimate sanction of a permanent exclusion if there is repeated bullying – this has happened once.
6. Unhappy with all years going through one door (2)	6. As a result of feedback on this survey and talking to other parents on the gate, this has changed from 19.11.12. Years 5 and 6 now enter through their tower door and this has alleviated parent's concerns, as there is much more space when children enter the building.
7. No dogs on school premises (1)	7. Dogs are not allowed on the premises and this has been mentioned on the newsletters. Adults are asked not to bring dogs on site when staff see them. Safety of the children is paramount and some children are scared.
8. Overall happy (8)	
9. Behaviour improvements ??(1)	
10. Better provision of transition with new teachers (1)	
11 Child could achieve more/needs not met (2)	11. If you feel your child is not being challenged enough, please speak to the class teacher and then to Miss Webster and Mr Cadwallader if you feel this is still not occurring. Pushing the children on is one of the school's main focuses this year.
12 After school clubs – give funding (2)	12 The school already does pay for music tuition for the whole of year 4 and all 1:1 tuition lessons are subsidised by half.

	<p>Football team, ICT (soon to start), Film Club, Gardening and netball (soon to start) are all free. Tennis and Aston Villa clubs charge because they are run by outside agencies. Financial subsidy of clubs may happen in the future.</p> <p>13 Hundreds of pounds of equipment has just been bought for lunchtime equipment and a focus of the 'Friends of Yenton' will hopefully be more expensive outdoor equipment. Future plans do include ball walls, netball hoops, more goals and a stage! There are also exciting plans to use the grass at the front of the school – more detail to follow!</p> <p>14 We have introduced post cards that are sent home to children as a surprise when they are well behaved. Our behaviour system has recently been reviewed and our new system just launched does include more individual rewards.</p> <p>15 Mrs Vadgama will soon be starting an ICT club and the school is hoping to buy laptops for the children imminently.</p> <p>16 This is an interesting point, and we would welcome suggestions on how this would work and how the school could make it a fair system to those who deserved it.</p> <p>17 Children in reception, years 1, 2 and 3 should always have staff supervision, to ensure they are handed over. Years 5 and 6 in particular are trusted to walk to their parents independently, in line with the majority of school's procedures. Years 5 and 6 do know to return to their teacher if parents are not present and they do do this.</p> <p>18 If this is the case, please mention to your class teacher.</p>
<p>13 Playground – more play equipment (1)</p> <p>14 More incentives for well behaved children (1)</p> <p>15 Improve on IT skills (1)</p> <p>16 Help with school meals for parents on low income who do not receive free school meals (1)</p> <p>17 Children are not handed to parents at home time, left to leave school (1)</p> <p>18 Late coming out at end of day (1)</p>	

Many thanks for your responses and support - we hope you find our responses helpful and give you a further insight into how we want Yenton to improve further. Your comments are important and are valued. Mr M Cadwallader