

## February 2015 Parent Questionnaire Responses

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaires at parents' evening. We had 201 responses and we are delighted with your comments and positive thoughts about the school. Please read below and see our responses to a few suggestions.

	<b>201 responses in total</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Left Blank/ don't know</b>
1	My child enjoys school	67%	33%	1%		0
2	The school keeps my child safe	69%	30%	1%		0
3	My child is making good progress	61%	37%	2%		3
4	My child is well looked after	63%	37%			4
5	The teaching is good at this school	69%	31%			11
6	My child receives appropriate homework	56%	35%	8%		9
7	The school makes sure pupils are well behaved	54%	42%	4%		8
8	The school deals effectively with bullying	58%	39%	3%	1%	14
9	The school is led and managed effectively	64%	36%			1
10	The school responds well to any concerns I raise	62%	34%	4%		17
11	The schools takes account of my concerns and suggestions	57%	38%	5%		11
12	I receive valuable information about my child's progress (parent's evening, reports, learning assemblies).	58%	39%	3%		14
13	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	65%	32%	3%		13
14	<p><u>Additional Comments and school response</u></p> <p>In response to the fantastic percentages above, thank you for your support. There are two areas below 95% satisfaction. One is homework and the other is school responses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see below for a response to homework.</li> <li>Responding to concerns: if parents raise concerns, we do respond, although parents may not always get the answer they want – decisions are made for the best of the children at all times. 10 sheets indicated their belief that we do not take account of concerns, however they did not list any concerns for us to respond to. If you do have concerns, please speak to senior staff on the gate – there are always staff available for this reason. Having staff available on the gate every morning and night is not the case for the majority of schools.</li> </ol> <p>The overwhelming majority of comments were supportive and complimentary – thank you very much for your positive comments of which there were over 100. Here are a few examples of the positive comments:</p>					

- *Both my boys have thrived at this school another excellent parents eve, cant praise the staff/support/pupils/office staff enough. Keep up the good work – always supporting and encouraging pupils!*
- *Our experience so far has been exceptional it is clearly well run school and the teachers have been amazing. My child is making excellent progress we are very happy*
- *I have absolute faith in the school, my child has improved in her learning and I am very proud of her growth.*
- *Everything is excellent*
- *My child started Yenton in September (from her previous school) and I have been so impressed with the school. I feel fully informed with her progress which I have noticed has greatly improved. The school does a wide variety of activities to join in or be part of which my daughter reports are enjoyable and helps her make friends. It is extremely useful to see the books and have my daughter there at the same time, the marking policy has enabled my daughter to take ownership of her learning and clearly see what she has done well and next steps to support her progress. I would have no hesitation in recommending this school to go to. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication*
- *The pastoral welfare of the children is really strong. This is really appreciated and has supported my daughter's learning. It is great how there is such a strong presence of teachers/headteacher at the school gates. It is really great to see photos and comments about how my daughter responded to activities and lessons.. A fantastic school and amazing staff, thank you*

Additional comments and school responses:

<b>Parent comments:</b>	<b>School response:</b>
Pleased with books, quality and content x 35	<i>Thank you. We are proud of our books and actually an external educational company has recently borrowed our books to showcase to schools in London(5/3/15 – 12/3/15)</i>
Progress very good x 32	<i>Thank you. Our results back up this.</i>
Behaviour could be better x 2	<i>There are always occasions when children let themselves down, because that is why they are at school: to learn life skills, including behaviour. Behaviour can always improve and we do use a mixture of rewards and sanctions. We expect and aim for the best standards.</i>
I do not agree the school does enough in pushing pupils to achieve high level. I believe my children are not achieving the level they need to due to the fact that the aim for the school is to go by the national standards. My children are doing well but could do better	<i>We disagree and so do 98% of parents who are happy with progress. In the last three years Yenton has repeatedly had large numbers of children achieve two years above national standards: in some cases children have been four years above. See national results on websites. Yet, we can always improve on pushing top children, as can <u>all</u> schools (see BBC national headlines 4<sup>th</sup> March criticising all schools for this).</i>
Bullying is going on x 2	<i>We do not tolerate bullying. If you have concerns, please let us know immediately and it will be dealt with.</i>
More valuable information from the school about progress and how child can improve to achieve their targets x 2	<i>Yenton does have 2 parents' evenings before half the year has gone. After February there are learning assemblies, end of year reports and targets set in the reports. Parents can ask to see the class teacher AT ANY TIME if you need more clarity on progress.</i>

	<i>We will be publishing more on our website to share the targets of each year group, to reflect the new curriculum.</i>
Too much homework and pressure on children x 4	<i>Homework is always a difficult issue for every school to balance as parents all have different expectations – see the comments.</i> <i>To balance these views, we now offer homework that you can do as much or as little as you want in addition to the normal homework.</i> <i>Mathletics and Bug Club comprehension online activities are work set to your child's level that your child can do for hours or minutes every night. That is for the parent to decide and organise.</i>
More homework x 2	

We are really proud of our school and reading the above, so are you as parents.

Thank you for your time and support.

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Head Teacher