

Arreton St George's CE Primary School

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE 2015

Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed this questionnaire. We had 59 replies which represents 43% of the school population. Each reply represents 1.6% and when calculating the overall percentages for each question, the figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number so that it adds up to 100%.

Your feedback helps to inform future school planning. Thank you.

Statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Suggestions for improvement
1. My child enjoys school and is happy there.	54%	37%	5%	3%	* Overwhelming majority agreed. A couple of children/parents unhappy with behaviour of some children in class.
2. There is a welcoming atmosphere in the school.	54%	40%	3%	1.6%	
3. The school looks after my child and my child feels safe there.	47%	47%	1.6%	3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground supervision at break and lunch times could maybe be improved. • Some behaviours upset my child
4. The school has high expectations of staff and pupils.	31%	64%	3%	1.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some pupils are not conforming to expectations • Children look smart - but can uniform be more regulated

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5. I feel my child is making good progress and that teachers set high expectations.	32%	58%	3%	7%	* Ensure there is enough challenge for pupils, especially the most able. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some behaviour is hindering progress
6. If I have any concerns regarding my child, I find the staff approachable and accessible.	76%	24%			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are very approachable and accessible before and after school • Headteacher always available for appointments
7. I value the opportunity to attend parent teacher interviews, open mornings and information sessions.	75%	22%	3%		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overwhelming majority appreciate these opportunities and welcome them • Some parents requested that more alternative times offered for working parents
8. There is a broad and creative curriculum catering for a wide range of needs.	46%	47%	7%		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics are varied • It is good to get updates in each week's newsletter as to what they have done • Would like more information on new curriculum
9. Pupils are generally well behaved and well mannered.	12%	73%	7%	8%	* Behaviour in a few classes by some pupils is a cause for concern. Majority are well behaved and polite

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10. My child has a positive attitude to school and wants to do well. They know their targets for improvement.	41%	51%	1.6%	7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ensure parents as well as pupils know the targets being worked on. * Update each parents evening * Have home record books?
11. There are many opportunities for my child to be actively involved in all aspects of school life.	46%	47%	7%		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Overwhelming majority felt pupils were offered a wide range of activities, opportunities and after school clubs
12. My child's achievements are celebrated in assemblies and newsletters.	59%	36%	3%	1.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciated each Key Stage having a weekly Celebration Assembly • More rewards for those who constantly follow rules and expectations • Are "Marble Treats" consistently awarded? • Like the "On Gold" awards and Value of the Week
13. The school keeps me well informed of what is going on - through reports, consultations, newsletters, the information bubbles" and letters.	54%	42%		3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters can be misplaced • Possibly use text and email more often? • More notice given for events where possible • New website is great!

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14. The school is well led and managed.	29%	59%	8%	3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overwhelming majority agreed Some parents would like greater access to Senior Leaders in school
15. The school provides a varied programme of clubs and enrichment activities.	54%	44%		1.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Good variety of clubs * Would like more for Reception * Would like more trips
16. The school actively encourages the involvement of parents in their children's learning and in school events.	51%	49%			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range of events we can attend Maybe offer more out of hours information sessions
17. The ethos and values of the school are clear and are promoted. These values are evident in the school.	49%	42%	7%	1.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Vast majority agreed * Some parents felt these values were not upheld by all children
18. Home learning activities are set regularly and consolidate learning taking place in school.	29%	63%	3%	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs to be more consistent Marking and feedback should be given more quickly
19. The school supports their families through a range of resources, meetings and external agencies as required.	22%	44%	31%	3%	* Not involved with these services but would be useful to know what is available for support.
20. I feel my views as a parent are valued by the school.	20%	52%	24%	3%	* Would like more input more regularly in a surveys or forum

A summary of the key areas that were fed back through the questionnaires:

What you feel the school does well:	What you think could be improved:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are treated as individuals and are known very well • Praise and encouragement given to pupils regularly and awards given • Weekly Celebration assemblies are lovely • A nurturing environment which builds confidence and self-esteem • Any concerns quickly dealt with • Communication with staff who are very approachable • Weekly newsletter keeps us very well informed • Text reminders are really useful! • Children enjoy coming to school • The atmosphere and ethos is very welcoming • Dedicated and enthusiastic staff • Celebrating progress and achievement • Varied curriculum and great to see outdoor learning and Forest Schools taking place • Curriculum update session was really informative - thank you! • House Captain Challenges and School Council tasks are great • Community feel involving parents, pupils, staff • Open mornings, workshops and information sessions for parents are great. Plenty of opportunities offered • It is nice that extended families and grandparents etc are welcomed in too! • Excellent settling-in arrangements for Reception pupils - but maybe a welcome pack for "in year transfers" would be helpful • School values are promoted well and more evident this year • Good support for pupils with additional/medical/learning needs 	<p><u>Communication:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More notice for events would help - diary dates on newsletter and website are a good improvement though • More regular parents updates and reports - especially if there is a cause for concern or if pupil is not performing well • Use of email rather than paper - and only one newsletter per family • Homework timetable to be given and regular maths and English homework set weekly. Marking to be more prompt. • Feedback on weekly spellings and homework would be appreciated • A prospectus as well as the website information would be helpful for new parents <p><u>Clubs and out-of-school activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more variety for younger pupils and maybe some clubs at lunchtimes • clubs for reading, writing and maths focus would be good • offer of music and drama clubs would be good • maybe offer a Homework Club • more educational school trips in Key Stage 2 <p><u>Parental involvement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of times/days offered to allow for more parents to attend • more provision made to cater for working parents • give more feedback to parents on school meals (or allow them to input) • please continue regular updates regarding curriculum change • more workshops or ideas of how to support learning at home • information on how reading and phonics is taught <p><u>Behaviour Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform parents of all pupils involved in incidents as early as possible • ensure sanctions are consistent for all pupils and have greater sanctions for benefit of rest of class to get on with learning

- The school is very supportive and attentive if additional help is ever required
- Pupil progress is good and we are kept well informed
- Welcoming and informative admin staff who are very helpful
- Listening to parent views and responding to them
- The children are supported well and nurtured to become well rounded individuals
- Behaviour reward system is fair and consistent
- The two Key Stages integrate well and it is nice that the older ones seem to know and look after the younger ones
- Great range of clubs and activities
- Great to have so many sporting events
- The High School taster days for Years 5 and 6 have been great
- The school environment - both indoors and outdoors- is well presented
- Thank you to all the staff for the hard work they put in - it pays off as my child is very happy!

- some pupils do seem to be impacting negatively on others
- more adult support for those with additional needs - though we do appreciate this is not always easy and is costly

Premises:

- more learning space needed urgently
- larger school hall is needed for PE and dinner times
- improve playground supervision and expectations before school
- better sports facilities and improve outdoor play area
- car parking arrangements to be improved and children to be better supervised there as it can be dangerous
- the parent pick-up area needs improving as the shelter is small and the path gets very waterlogged

Other

- Have events and fairs on weekends rather than after school to widen community attending and promote the school
- Setting for Maths and English seemed to work better last year
- Ensure more able pupils are continually challenged
- Ensure pick-up times are adhered to so that car park can be vacated more quickly

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It has already informed new changes moving forward.

Just to remind you that

- phonics and spellings open sessions have already taken place this term and further sessions are planned for next term
- a new curriculum information session for parents has been held and our first set of parent consultations have taken place
- a Parent Development Group meets each half term and feedback can be given through the class representatives
- the website has been recently updated in response to your requests and information which you said you would find useful has been placed on there
- the Forest School area is being constantly developed and plans are being developed for improved outside areas and learning spaces
- car parking arrangements have been reviewed and information circulated to parents
- behaviour management and expectations is taken seriously by the school and a range of strategies are implemented to support pupils and families
- any concerns should be raised with the class teacher in the first instance but any member of staff can be available for further discussion - please make appointments

Mrs A Collins.

