



## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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### Parents'/Carers' Questionnaire – October 2019

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to respond to our questionnaire when they visited for Parents' Consultations before the half-term holiday. We appreciate your responses and will use these to help evaluate where the school is and what our families feel we need to work on further.

We have collated all the data, so please take the time to have a look at the responses below. We are extremely pleased that so many of you have a positive opinion of the school – the vast majority of responses reflect this – but we know there are still areas for us to further improve. On the reverse of this page, we have highlighted a few things that you may not be aware of or that we need to publicise even more. Thank you, once again.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1) My child is happy and enjoys school	51%	46%	2%	1%	
2) I feel welcome when I come into school	49%	48%	3%	0.4%	
3) I am satisfied with the progress my child is making at school	47%	46%	5%	2%	
4) My child is well looked after and safe while they are at school	53%	41%	5%	1%	
5) My child is taught well at Dereham Juniors	51%	45%	4%	0.4%	
6) My child receives adequate homework for their age	38%	51%	7%	4%	
7) This school works hard to promote good behaviour	45%	47%	6%	2%	
8) This school deals effectively with bullying	29%	31%	35%	4%	1%
9) There are sufficient extra-curricular activities available	27%	39%	26%	7%	
10) I get enough information about the curriculum	31%	52%	11%	6%	0.4%
11) This school is well led and managed	39%	47%	12%	1%	
12) This school responds well to any concern I raise	42%	37%	18%	3%	
13) I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	35%	51%	8%	5%	1%
14) I feel able to support my child's learning at home	40%	56%	3%	0.4%	
15) I am happy to support the school by being involved in school life	37%	53%	8%	2%	
16) I would recommend Dereham Juniors to other parents	46%	46%	7%	1%	0.4%

- 251 parents/carers returned questionnaires
- %s may not total 100% due to rounding
- 0.4% has been included as opposed to rounding to 0%. 0.4% = 1 person
- Blanks = no responses.



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### Homework

Homework, in particular the amount we set and expect, is sometimes an area that people have very different views on. The pupils work extremely hard at school, therefore, we do not set a lot of homework. There is a statement about this, including our expectations, on our website in the [‘School Information’ section under the tab ‘About Us’](#). For those children who would like to do a little more, there are the optional topic-based tasks that are sent home every half term. These can also be found on the year group pages on the website: [‘Year Group Pages’ → select year group → ‘Homework’ tab](#).

Information on how to help your child with homework (including reading and spelling) can be found on the website too: [‘Learning’ → ‘How to help your child with...’ → Select](#). Copies of these were also sent home before half term.

### Behaviour

Many parents aren’t aware of the hard work we put into promoting positive behaviour in school. We recognise the need to share this information with you and this is one of the reasons we have a behaviour meeting for parents in school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 9.00 – 10.00am.

We have developed a new policy and further improved our approach to promoting positive behaviour this year as it is one of the most important aspects of school life. This detailed, but easy to read policy can be found on our website, either in the policies section: [‘Additional Information’ → ‘Policies’ → Select or via a shortcut on the ‘Welcome’ page](#). Included in this policy is a clear definition of bullying which is something everyone should fully understand.

We recognise, especially in a school of this size, that we need to monitor this carefully, taking effective actions where needed. Please rest assured it is a key focus for staff across the school with individualised plans and support in place where these are required.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

We understand the responses from parents highlighting the lack of extra-curricular activities. We are working on this.

Last year, we paid for outside providers to come in and deliver clubs. However, they were very poorly attended and became too costly to run as a result. This year, we are determined to provide a wealth of opportunities ourselves and now there are a number of clubs being run by staff members and children. In the half term on the lead up to Christmas (Autumn 2), there are 16 different opportunities to attend a club every week. A link to these can be found on our website [on the ‘Welcome’ page](#). We will update these term by term. If any parents are interested in running any club after school, please let us know!

### Information on the Curriculum

There is lots of information on our website about the curriculum we deliver: [‘Year Group Pages’ → ‘Year Pages’ → Select → ‘Curriculum Information/Homework’ tab](#). Here you can find a curriculum overview for the year as well as a ‘Knowledge Organiser’ (homework tab) and ‘Jigsaw’ to show what is delivered every half term. This is updated each half term. In addition to this, your child should bring home their ‘Topic Review’ every half term with the next topic ‘Jigsaw’ on the reverse.

We will continue to work hard to improve our communication with parents/carers. After looking at your responses, we are particularly keen to improve how we can better inform you about your child’s progress. In the meantime, we would urge you to look at our website; make sure you are signed up to ‘My Ed’ and join us on Facebook and/or follow our Instagram account...or come in and see us, we will always do our best to help!

Once again, thank you very much for your responses.

*From all the staff at Dereham Church of England Junior Academy.*