

Dereham Church of England Junior



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Parents'/Carers' Questionnaire – Spring 2023

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to respond to our questionnaire when they visited for Parents' Consultations in March. 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, as always, there are still areas we could try to improve upon. We continue to work hard in all areas to provide the best for your children.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree Do kn		Disagree	Strongly disagree	
1) My child is happy in this school (280)	58% (163)			% 3)	2% (5)	1% (2)	
2) My child feels safe at this school (280)	64% (180)	32% (89)		%))	1% (2)	0% (0)	
3) The school is mindful of the mental health and wellbeing of my child (280)	56% (156)	37% (103)			1% (4)	0% (0)	
4) My child has friends at this school (280)	65% (183)			% 5)	1% (3)	0% (1)	
5) The school works hard to promote positive behaviour (279)	63% (176)	34% (95)		% 5)	1% (2)	0% (1)	
	Not appli	cable	Y		No	No	
6) My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively (277)	78% (217)			9% 4)	2% (6)		
 My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed (278) 		73% (202)		% 2% 1) (5)			
 When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly (275) 			3% 37	3% (8)			
	Yes			No			
9) I use the year group letters/ website to find out what my child is learning (273)	94% (258)			5% (15)			
10) My child does well at this school and is making progress (275)	99% (273)			1% (2)			
11) The school lets me know how my child is getting on (273)	94% (257)			6% (16)			
12) I would recommend this school to others (275)	98% (270)			2% (5)			

• 280 parents/carers returned questionnaires



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- %s may not total 100% due to rounding
- The numbers in brackets relate to the number of responses

<u>Website</u>

Our website contains lots and lots of information about what the children get up to in school. As well as pointing you in the direction of uniform expectations, school staffing, meals and a huge amount of other things school-based, we would like to draw your attention to the following 2 areas:

- 1. The **'Our Curriculum'** tab highlights everything the children learn in each subject in each year group. If you are met with a, 'Not much!' when you ask your child what they've been up to today, this is the place to find out more!
- 2. The 'News, Events and Letters' tab keeps you up to date with:
 - Gallery Photos of events that have been happening in school, including our weekly 'Learners of the Week'
 - Letters All the letters we send, including year group newsletters, trips and a wealth of other info
 - Events Calendar This gives you all the upcoming dates and is added to all the time. This is good for giving you advanced notice

How your child is getting on

As with most schools, we have a parents evening in the autumn and spring terms, and report to parents in the form of a written report in the summer term. This is the legal requirement in terms of reporting to parents and carers during the school year.

As well as the above, we invite parents into school at least once every half term to join their children in the classroom for an activity. So far this year, we have had a number of cafes as well as a maths trail morning, a science investigation afternoon and a chance to see the Y3 shadow nativity play. In addition to these activities, we are always more than willing to discuss anything further with you should you wish to find out more.

Behaviour

We are so pleased that such a huge proportion of you recognise the hard work, time and effort we put into promoting positive behaviour in school. The vast majority of your children behave excellently and our school really is a lovely place to be because of this.

You may remember that we sent a letter to you all before Christmas about behaviour at lunchtimes with some extra information about the word 'bullying'. We are pleased to say that with your support from home, we are seeing a positive shift in some of the lunchtime behaviours outlined in that letter. Thank you for everything you have done to help support this.

We do, however, need to work on the children's understanding of what bullying is. As your responses perhaps reflect ('Yes' responses to Q6), some children still view isolated unkind incidents as bullying. We are not saying that bullying does not occur, but we investigate any suggestion of it thoroughly and are very pleased to report that these are rare and nowhere near the number of 54 suggested in the responses. Ours (and the Anti-Bullying Alliance) definition of bullying:

'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.'



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Once again, thank you very much for your responses and continued support.

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